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**STATEMENT OF H.E MR. MOHAMED-SIAD DOUALEH**  
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**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

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**Mr. Chairman,  
Honorable Director General,  
Deputy Director General Mr. Onyeama,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,**

It is a pleasure for me to take the floor in my capacity as the Chair of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP). As you are aware, the CDIP was established by this august body in 2007, responding to the wishes of the membership of this Organization.

The WIPO Development Agenda is a high water mark in our collective efforts to promote the use of the intellectual property (IP) system. It seeks to ensure that the socio-economic development, in particular in developing countries remains at the heart of the global IP system. The Development Agenda seeks maintain a judicious balance between the rights of the civil society and those of the IP rights holders in order to promote creativity, innovation and intellectual progression of mankind. It is therefore a pleasure and an honor for me to guide this process at WIPO.

As noted by Mr. Onyeama, significant progress has taken place in the implementation of the Development Agenda recommendation. The Organization took a leap forward in 2009 when the innovative step of preparing projects was adopted by the Committee. There has been a significant progress in other areas such as flexibilities in the international instruments related to IP, the contribution of IP to the Millennium Development Goals, and the mainstreaming of the various Development Agenda principles in the work of WIPO. I personally thank the Director General for these achievements and the leadership and direction he has provided in meeting the wishes of the member states.

The report of the CDIP under consideration demonstrates the substantive progress made during last year. The Committee adopted four new projects; considered a number of important documents related to various issues such as flexibilities, the review of WIPO's technical assistance, recommendations of a scoping study on copyrights and related rights; considered outputs of the on-going Development Agenda projects; and considered progress reports including one by the Director

General himself, and reviewed six external evaluation reports on the completed Development Agenda projects.

In the forthcoming CDIP scheduled to be held next month, the Committee has an important agenda before it, notably the convening of the conference in Development and IP, resuming discussion on the technical assistance review, further work on flexibilities, and other work of significant importance. There clearly remain some points of differences in certain areas. However, I am confident that given our collective will and effort, the Committee will be able to forge consensus on all those issues.

As Chair of the CDIP, I would like to carry forward the achievements made and support the Organization and the Director General to continue with this very important endeavor. I remain committed to promoting multilateralism, consensus building, and call upon all the members of the Committee to continue to positively engage in this process.

To conclude, Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank all delegations for their support to me as the Chair of the Committee, the Director General, and Mr. Onyeama for their continued support to my work.

I thank you.