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**General Statement of Third World Network**

Thank You Mr. Chair for this opportunity to take the floor.

This CDIP is taking place after the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda by the UN General Assembly, the “2030 Agenda”.

As we all know technology plays an important role in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted as part of the post-2015 development agenda. In order to identify and ensure access to technologies essential for the implementation of SDGs the UN has created a technology facilitation mechanism. WIPO as a member of the UN Task Team on technology is involved in the implementation of post-2015 development agenda.

We would like to state that as a UN agency, WIPO’s contribution to the implementation of development agenda should be guided by the development considerations rather than the protection and enforcement of IP.

We look forward to having further discussions on this matter.

The independent review of the implementation of the WIPO Development Agenda (DA) has also been initiated. We request that this review process be participatory and inclusive.

In particular, we would like to stress the importance of allowing civil society organisations an opportunity to provide their views on the inception report as well as on the review of DA itself. Thus we request the Secretariat to immediately facilitate an interaction both online and offline with the review panel.

It is important for the review to be focused on the implementation of Development Agenda Recommendations in its entirety. This is the mandate given by the WIPO General Assembly.

The review should assess whether or how the Recommendations are being implemented, to what extent the activities meet the objectives of the Recommendations and what is the actual impact.

It is important that the review is not reduced to whether or not the indicators in the Project document have been achieved.

Further review should cover all aspects of the CDIP work.

With regard to technical assistance, we would like to stress our disappointment that limited progress has been made in taking forward proposals in the DA Group (DAG) and Africa Group joint proposal on technical assistance, often due to delay tactics employed by other WIPO members.

In our view the Joint Proposals contain critical proposals based on the External Review to improve the transparency and accountability of WIPO’s technical assistance. Thus we call on WIPO Member States not to delay this issue any further.

We also take this opportunity to express our concern with regard to lack of full implementation of the WIPO Development Agenda particularly with regard to the establishment of a co-ordination mechanism, a mandate given by the General Assembly. Similarly, the CDIP has not implemented the third pillar of the General Assembly decision i.e. the standing agenda item on IP and development.

We call on Member States to take appropriate decision to expedite implementation of all aspects of CDIP mandates.