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**Statement by Ambassador Farukh Amil, Permanent Representative
of Pakistan, at Twenty Second Session of Committee on
Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) of WIPO, Geneva**

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Thank you Mr. Chair,

We would like to congratulate you and the Vice Chair for your able leadership and guidance in steering work of the Committee. We also present our compliments to the Secretariat for preparation of documents for this important meeting. Our delegation aligns itself with statement made by Indonesia on behalf of Asia Pacific Group. The work of this Committee is important to support WIPO's mission for the development of a balanced and effective international IP system for the benefit of all. The work-program for the implementation of Development Agenda Recommendations hinges on the effective progress of the CDIP.

Mr Chair,

WIPO has key role to play in assisting Member States to acquiring their IP related development objectives. Considering the cross cutting nature of IP, a holistic approach that embeds all SDGs is integral to implement them. In this regard we suggest the Secretariat to focus on issues of fair and affordable access to IP protected technologies and come up with roadmap to effectively implement the SDGs in its full dimension. We support the proposal by Brazil for including a permanent agenda item on the implementation of the SDGs in the CDIP to have sustainable feedback on the subject.

Mr. Chair,

We look forward to discussions on pending issues including adoption of development agenda recommendations 5 and 11 at the CDIP. We urge the Secretariat to formulate specific actions and tasks to be undertaken for implementing the adopted recommendations.

We appreciate WIPO's efforts in complimenting the delivery of technical assistance to Member States. However to ensure effective delivery of technical assistance, we need to devise an institutional mechanism to avoid duplication for utilization of resources.

We look forward for positive discussion on the Feasibility of Establishing a Web-Forum on Technical Assistance contained in document CDIP/22/3.

Mr. Chair,

We support the revised proposal of the African Group to organize on a biennial basis an international conference on IP and development. Convening the conference regularly in future would enable participants to discuss the relevance of IP to social, economic and cultural development.

Mr. Chair,

The proposed project by Kenya on Enhancing the Use of IP in the Software Sector seeks to facilitate access to IP information for developers of mobile applications. Kenya's proposal merits positive discussion. We also look forward constructive discussion on project proposals by Brazil, Peru and Burkina Faso.

Mr. Chair,

The discussion on the theme "Women and IP" under the new standing agenda item on IP and Development will be important. The discussion should also focus on the challenges that women face in accessing IP protected technologies in relation to their economic and social growth and empowerment. Similarly, future themes on the agenda of IP and development should not only consider positive impact of IP but also the challenges in terms of access to technology and costs to development of IP laws and policies particularly for developing countries. The secretariat should consider to compile a review of the literature on the relationship between IP and innovation to test certain conventional assumptions on IP to find effective solutions.

Mr Chair,

I would conclude by assuring you our full support and we look forward for very productive session.

I thank you.