



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

Statement by Ambassador Farukh Amil, Permanent Representative of Pakistan, at the 57th Series of Meetings of WIPO Assemblies, Geneva October 2017

Mr. Chair

Congratulations on assuming chair of the house. We also like to congratulate other members of the Bureau. We are thankful to secretariat and Director General, Dr. Francis Gurry for their work.

Pakistan supports the development of a balanced international IP system responsive to the diverse needs and public welfare of all member states. Taking note of the latest report of the IOD, we feel the need of effective coordination between IOD with other units of WIPO, Cooperation with the Ombudsperson, Ethics Office and networking with other oversight functions. We also take the note of the report by external auditor. Some of the recommendations including recommendation 5 and 23 deserve special attention to be implemented efficiently.

We note with satisfaction that performance indicator ratings in the Program and Budget 2016/17 have been assessed as 'on track'. We look forward to have an agreement on the proposed programme budget for 2018/19 Biennium.

Progress in the CDIP, effective implementation of the Development Agenda (DA) and its mainstreaming in all organs of WIPO is crucial. The DA is best mechanism for identifying and correcting imbalances in the IP System to ensure that the IP systems are integrated with tangible results.

Regarding the normative agenda of the Organization, we hope that outstanding issues in the Standing Committees would be resolved at this session of General assemblies. Pakistan is keen to see an advance in IGC's work with a view to bridging existing gaps in the draft texts.

Our principle position on EOs is well known. Our decision to be part of GA decision in 2015 must be seen in spirit of consensus and our unyielding support to Algeria and Nigeria from developmental aspect in field of IP. On the other hand many of the current EO candidates already enjoy sound IP credentials. The proposition of new

EOs has already become unwieldy with too many candidate countries. It will cause political bickering and ill-feeling at a time when we ought to adopt a consensual approach. Two years have been passed and we are yet to identify methodology, criteria and have no clear vision for establishing EOs.

Rather than waiting for 2021 after having consumed precious resources of WIPO and member states, we must make an objective cost benefit analysis now to ascertain the pathway on which we are going.

We hope to have an efficient and result-oriented General Assembly based on positive spirit of constructive engagement and consensual approval.

I thank you.