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**Statement by Ambassador Farukh Amil, Permanent Representative
of Pakistan, at Twenty First 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 assuming the roles. 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.

We appreciate Director General of WIPO report to the CDIP on the implementation and mainstreaming of the Development Agenda (DA) recommendations in document CDIP/21/1. The report identifies a positive momentum in implementation and mainstreaming of the DA within WIPO programs and budget. WIPO's collaboration with UN agencies in domains of public health, innovation, trade and IP is commendable. We also appreciate policy tools and Initiatives like the Inventor Assistance Programme (IAP) for matching under resourced inventors and small businesses in developing countries. Implementation of programs and activities to benefit the Small and medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) and the research sector is another area where WIPO should continue its programmes.

The subsequent report should highlight costs imposed by the IP system on the ability of developing countries to meet their development goals and possible ways of mitigating such costs. We suggest the Secretariat to develop more tools as part of the Development Agenda recommendations on IP related flexibilities, access to knowledge and transfer of technology with focus on development oriented approach. We look forward to discussions on pending issues including adoption of development agenda recommendations 5 and 11 at CDIP based on further explanations to be provided by the Review Team.

Mr. Chair,

On Report on WIPO's Contribution to the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and its Associated Targets (CDIP/21/10), We appreciate that 2018-2019 Programme and Budget was aligned with SDGs. IP is cross cutting in nature, a holistic approach that embeds all SDGs is integral to implement them.

We recommend the Secretariat that the report in future should also focus on issues of fair and affordable access to IP protected technologies or knowledge in order to effectively implement the SDGs in its full dimension. We look forward for meaningful discussion on SDGs and support the proposal by Brazil for including a permanent agenda item on the implementation of the SDGs in the CDIP. We encourage Member States to develop a work programme to undertake activities to address specific SDGs.

Mr. Chair,

Gap analysis of WIPO's existing technology-transfer related services and activities in document CDIP/21/5 is right step in right direction. However, the methodology needs to be fine-tuned. For objective analysis, we may need to devise indicators or benchmarks whose absence is conspicuous in this report. We request the secretariat to provide its insight in this regard.

Mr. Chair,

On compilation of WIPO's Existing Practices, Methodologies and Tools for providing Technical Assistance in document CDIP/21/4, We appreciate WIPO's efforts in complimenting the delivery of technical assistance to Member States with needs assessment planning, monitoring and evaluation. To ensure effective delivery of technical assistance, we need to devise an institutional mechanism to avoid duplication for optimal channelization of resources. We request the Secretariat to develop a comprehensive manual on technical assistance with information that can help countries to assess the scope of possible technical assistance activities, and include information on focal points within WIPO for each category of technical assistance activity.

We support the revised proposal of the African Group in document CDIP/20/8 to organize on a biennial basis an international conference on IP and development. The conference in 2016 played an important role to update Member States on recent developments on IP and development. Convening it regularly in future would enable participants to discuss the relevance of IP to social, economic and cultural development. Mr. Chair,

The Delegation of Canada, Mexico and the US have made an important proposal on increasing the Role of Women in Innovation and Entrepreneurship as contained in document CDIP/12/12. The project should address the aspect of barriers to accessing IP protected technologies that can be constraints to women innovators, particularly in developing countries and LDCs.

On Compilation of Member State Inputs on Issues to be Addressed under the Agenda Item "Intellectual Property and Development" contained in document CDIP/21/8, we appreciate submissions by Brazil, Group B and Russian Federation.

The discussion on IP and development in the CDIP should have focus of on cross-cutting nature of IP. Exchange of experiences on considering role of women in IP and consideration of positive impact of IP are important aspects to consider. However, we should remain mindful of negative implications of IP in terms of access to technology and costs to development of IP laws and policies particularly for developing countries and LDCs.

We suggest the secretariat to compile a review of the literature on the relationship between IP and innovation to have an insight and test certain conventional assumptions in this regard.

We support Brazil's proposal of WIPO database compiling the jurisprudence on IP disputes from the perspective of public policy considerations.

Mr. Chair,

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

I thank you.