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Statement by Salman Khalid Chaudhary, Second Secretary, under Agenda Item 9 (v): the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) and Review of the Implementation of the Development Agenda Recommendations at the Sixty-Third Series of Meetings of Assemblies of WIPO

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Madam Chair,

My delegation thanks DDG Hasan Kleib for the presentation just made and also acknowledges the efforts by the Development Agenda Coordination Division for its close cooperation with the Member States for the implementation of DA projects as well as ensuring transparency through comprehensive progress reports.

The work of CDIP forms an integral part of WIPO's overall mission to develop a balanced and effective international IP system for the benefit of all as well as for the implementation and mainstreaming the Development Agenda recommendations. The provision of tailormade interventions through various project proposals is an important contribution by this Committee in the area of development cooperation.

The DA recommendations and their implementation are perhaps even more relevant in the global context shaped by the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic and its associated socio-economic challenges. While my delegation supports the project-based approach, it is crucial that the DA Recommendations are continued to be mainstreamed in the overall work of the organization.

My delegation also welcomes WIPO's contribution to the implementation of SDGs. As a specialized agency of the United Nations, WIPO has a shared responsibility to implement of the 2030 Agenda and support the achievement of SDGs.

Innovation, is not only an explicit focus of Goal 9 but also a key enabler of most - if not all - of the Goals. Therefore, my delegation is of the view the COVID-related challenges offer an opportunity to WIPO and Member States to redirect the focus of this organization's SDGs related activities to other SDGs, especially Goals 1, 2, 3 and 4.

We look forward to the successful organization of future events including on an international conference on “*Intellectual Property and Innovation for Sustainable Agriculture*” in 2023. We hope that this conference would promote agricultural innovation and help mitigate challenges posed by food insecurity and climate change, particularly in developing countries.

I thank you.