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ISTANBUL DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION (IPOA) FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs) FOR THE DECADE 2011–2020

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1. In a communication dated August 26, 2011, the Secretariat received a Note Verbale from Nepal requesting to add an item to the draft agenda of the Forty-Ninth series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.
2. The Note Verbale is annexed to the document.
3. *The Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO and of the Unions administered by it, each as far as it is concerned, are invited to take note of the information contained in this document.*

[Annex follows]



Ambassador/Permanent Representative

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August 26, 2011

Dear Director General,

I have the pleasure to refer to our meeting at your office on Wednesday, 24 August 2011.

As discussed, the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 adopted by the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries held in Istanbul in May this year, has a clear focus on priority areas in a coherent manner to address the development challenges confronted by LDCs.

I would like to draw your kind attention to the paragraph 153 of the IPoA and invite WIPO to integrate IPoA into its programme of works and contribute towards its full, timely and effective implementation at the national, sub-regional, regional and global levels.

I request you to have this item included in the agenda of the forthcoming 49th Assembly of Member States and enclose herewith a draft resolution for consideration to formalize the integration of the IPoA into the work programme.

I avail this opportunity once again to express our sincere appreciations for your close personal attention to the problems of LDCs and WIPO involvement to advance their interests in the preparatory phase and contributions to the UN LDCs IV Conference by hosting high level event. I would also like to commend the visionary initiatives you have introduced into the WIPO so as to give a sense of ownership and partnership to member states. I wish you all success in your endeavours.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Dinesh Bhattarai

His Excellency

Dr. Francis Gurry

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Geneva.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Mainstreaming the Istanbul Program of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 into the World Intellectual Property Organization's programs

The Assemblies of the Members States of WIPO:

Welcome the endorsement of the Istanbul Declaration (A/CONF.219/L.1) and the Program of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 (A/CONF.219/3/REV.1);

Recalling paragraph 153 of the Istanbul Program of Action (IPoA) which invited international organizations to contribute to its implementation;

Recalling further the adoption by acclamation of the Ministerial Declaration of May 2011 on the WIPO Deliverables for the Least Developed Countries;

Extending deep appreciation and gratitude for the various initiatives undertaken by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to assist Least Developed Countries (LDCs) including organizing the WIPO High-level Forum in Istanbul, Turkey, on the occasion of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (UN-LDCs IV) in May 2011;

Invite the Director General to mainstream the relevant parts of the Istanbul Program of Action (IPoA) into the various programs of the Organization.

improved for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action. The General Assembly should continue to monitor the implementation of this Programme of Action on an annual basis under the specific item on its agenda.

151. The Economic and Social Council is invited to continue to include periodically an agenda item during its annual substantive session on the review and coordination of the implementation of this Programme of Action. Periodic reviews of progress made and constraints confronted by least developed countries should be conducted by the Economic and Social Council to allow for focused interactions. The Economic and Social Council is invited to include the review of the implementation of the Programme of Action in its annual ministerial reviews, as required. The Development Cooperation Forum should keep reviewing trends in international development cooperation, as well as policy coherence for development, including for least developed countries.

152. Consideration of each annual review in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should include, inter alia, (a) follow-up, monitoring and assessment of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action at the national, subregional, regional and global levels through reporting by Governments, as well as by the secretariats and intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations system and of other relevant subregional, regional and international organizations and institutions; (b) fostering international cooperation in support of the Programme of Action, including coordination among donors and among organizations referred to above; and (c) elaborating new policies and measures in the light of changing domestic and external circumstances facing least developed countries.

153. The governing bodies of the United Nations funds and programmes and other multilateral organizations, including the Bretton Woods institutions and international financial institutions, are invited to contribute to the implementation of the Programme of Action and to integrate it into their work programmes, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates. These organizations are invited to participate fully in reviews of the Programme of Action at the national, subregional, regional and global levels.

154. The Secretary-General of the United Nations is requested to ensure the full mobilization and coordination of all parts of the United Nations system to facilitate coordinated implementation and coherence in the follow-up and monitoring of the Programme of Action at the national, subregional, regional and global levels. The coordination mechanisms available, such as the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the United Nations Development Group, should be broadly utilized and the inter-agency consultative group should be kept active in this regard.

155. The Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States should continue to fulfil its functions to assist the Secretary-General for the effective follow-up and monitoring of the implementation of the Programme of Action and the full mobilization and coordination of all parts of the United Nations system, with a view to facilitating the coordinated implementation of and coherence in the follow-up and monitoring of the Programme of Action for the least developed countries at the country, regional and global levels, and to assist in mobilizing international support and resources for the implementation of the Programme of Action for least developed countries. To this end, it should continue its awareness-