

Permanent Mission of Tunisia

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Statement by Tunisia at the twenty-seventh session of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property

Item 5. General Statements

Madam Chair,

Tunisia aligns itself with the statement made by South Africa on behalf of the African Group.

I would like, firstly, to congratulate you and your Vice-Chairs on your election to steer this twenty-seventh session of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property and to wish you every success in achieving the expected objectives of its work.

My delegation would also like to thank the Deputy Director General for his introductory remarks and to commend the International Bureau of WIPO on its work in preparing this session and the useful documents made available to us.

Madam Chair,

Tunisia welcomes the projects progress report of the Secretariat, which reflects the excellent work done by WIPO to implement the Development Agenda recommendations effectively.

We also take note of the report on future webinars and welcome the initiative to promote greater involvement of Member States in defining their objectives and selecting their themes.

Tunisia also wishes to stress the importance of technical assistance as a driver of innovation for development, which lies at the heart of the Organization's mission. Its efforts in that regard are highly appreciated, as they help developing countries, in spite of the digital divide and persistent inequalities, to be better placed to unleash their full potential and provide the rest of the world with the benefit of their innovations and creations and, more broadly, their ingenuity.

Madam Chair,

We thank the delegations that have proposed projects during this session and are confident that they will give rise to rich discussions.

For its part, my delegation will be delighted to present to you the project proposal by Tunisia on reducing work-related accidents and occupational diseases through innovation and intellectual property. We count on the support of all Member States for its approval.

Thank you for your attention.