

Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)

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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

prepared by the Secretariat

1. By way of a communication dated November 6, 2012, the Delegation of Brazil on behalf of the Development Agenda Group (DAG) has sent to the Secretariat a document containing suggestions for the Conference on Intellectual Property and Development and requested that this submission be circulated as an official document to the tenth session of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP).
2. The above-mentioned submission is contained in the Annex to this document.
3. *The CDIP is invited to take note of the information contained in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

Development Agenda Group

CDIP - Suggestions for the Conference on Intellectual Property and Development

Note: This submission contains preliminary, non-exhausting suggestions, without prejudice to further contributions or views to be presented during the 10th session of the CDIP.

1. Title of the Conference

Suggestions:

- (a) "Intellectual Property Rights Development"
- (b) "Orienting IP Policy to Development Needs and Priorities".
- (c) "International Conference on Integrating Development into IP Policy-Making".

2. Dates, Duration and Venue

Three days, in Geneva, in the second half of 2013.
Possible dates can be discussed during the 10th session of the CDIP.

3. Format

Plenary sessions, with flexibility to accommodate smaller sessions and side events on specific topics.

4. Outcomes

All presentations and articles discussed in the conference should be made available in a dedicated website. A full report, comprising all interventions, should be made available to Member States. The next session of the CDIP after the holding of the Conference should dedicate at least one day to discuss the results of the Conference.

5. Content and Speakers

Suggested themes are listed below. Speakers should be selected on the basis of their expertise and development orientation.

- (a) Designing a Development-Oriented IP System

Description: Developing an IP system appropriate to the level of development to meet national needs and priorities.

Sub-themes:

- Achieving Development Objectives and Building Technological Capacity (selected industry cases could be presented)
- Technology and Intellectual Property
- Current Intellectual Property Trends: Examining the Impact on Development, Human Rights, Innovation and Creativity

(b) IP and Public Health

Description: To explore issues pertaining to access to affordable medicines and local production of generic medicines, such as use of patent flexibilities to promote access to medicines, and incentivizing local production.

Sub-themes:

- Facilitating Access to Medicines; using Patent Related Flexibilities to Access Affordable Medicines and Incentivize Local Production of Generic Medicines
- Facilitating Research and Development (R&D) in Diseases that Predominantly Affect Developing Countries (Neglected Tropical Diseases)

(c) IP Rights and Creativity

Description: How to combine access, creativity and innovation. Optimizing the interests of rights holders and society.

Sub-themes:

- Copyright Policy, Including the Role of Exceptions and Limitations for Libraries, Education, Research, People with Disabilities
- Copyright in the Digital Environment and Ensuring a Robust Public Domain
- Open Access Initiatives to Foster Innovation and Creativity

(d) Intellectual Property and Environment

- Discussion on IP Challenges and Issues Related to Food and Agriculture
- IP and Climate Change
- IP and Genetic Resources

(e) WIPO's role and related governance issues

6. Participation

WIPO Member States and observers to the CDIP.

WIPO should provide funding to facilitate participation of capital-based delegates.

The process of nominating capital-based delegates to participate in the Conference should follow standard procedures, with the involvement of regional coordinators.

Relevant intergovernmental organizations, academia, civil society, and business.

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