

Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP)

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THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

prepared by the Secretariat

1. It is recalled that the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP) at its tenth session, held in Geneva from November 12 to 16, 2012, decided to proceed with the organization of an *International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development*. The Summary by the Chair, Paragraph 10(j) provides as follows:

“The Committee discussed two documents concerning the *Conference on Intellectual Property and Development* (CDIP/10/16 and CDIP/10/17). Delegations presented their preliminary views on the proposals. Some delegations presented other ideas on the modalities of organization of the Conference. The Committee agreed on the title for the Conference as follows: “*International Conference on Intellectual Property and Development*”, and agreed that the venue of the Conference would be Geneva, Switzerland. The Committee further agreed that the Conference would be held over two or three days in the second half of 2013. The Committee agreed to hold an open-ended informal consultation within three to four weeks of this session to further refine the concept and organization for the Conference. The Secretariat would prepare a concept paper based on the broad parameters of agreement identified by the Committee. Delegations were requested to provide written comments and proposals before the informal consultation commenced.”

2. Accordingly, the Chair of the CDIP conducted four informal consultation meetings at WIPO open to all interested Member States; on January 9 and 24, 2013, February 12, 2013, and March 1, 2013. The Secretariat prepared an initial Concept Paper and then further documents proposing themes for the International Conference to assist the Member States’ discussions.

3. As a result of the informal consultations, the following aspects of the International Conference have been confirmed by the Member States:

TITLE

International Conference on Intellectual Property (IP) and Development

OBJECTIVE

To discuss the role of IP in development at national, regional and international levels – sharing experiences and exploring future perspectives.

VENUE

WIPO Headquarters, Geneva

DATES AND DURATION

The International Conference will take place on November 14 and 15, 2013, for two days with extended working hours. The Secretariat was requested to structure the International Conference program accordingly. (Note: The twelfth session of the CDIP will take place from November 18 to 22, 2013)

FORMAT AND THEMES

The International Conference will take place over two days, addressing the following six themes agreed by the Member States:

Theme 1: Economic Development and the Role of IP

Theme 2: Social Development and the Role of IP

Theme 3: Cultural Development and the Role of IP

Theme 4: Designing a Dynamic IP System: Sharing Practices and Developing Strategies

Theme 5 Global Cooperation for IP and Development: The Role of WIPO and other Key Actors

Theme 6: IP for Development: Current Challenges and Future Perspectives

The Secretariat was requested to elaborate the content of the themes and informally consult Group Coordinators in order to finalize the Conference arrangements.

All sessions will be in plenary. Each session will consist of a moderator, two speakers and moderated audience discussion based on questions and comments submitted by participants to the moderator before and during each session. The working languages will be English, French and Spanish with simultaneous translation.

SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

The Secretariat was requested to select speakers based on geographical balance, appropriate expertise, and balance in perspective.

PARTICIPANTS

The International Conference will be open to Member States, international intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society. Registration will be conducted in advance online and in person at the meeting.

OUTCOME AND COMMUNICATIONS

A factual report will be produced by the Secretariat, summarizing the main discussions at the International Conference, which will be presented to the CDIP at its thirteenth session.

A dedicated web page on the WIPO website will be established to provide details of the International Conference. The web page will be used to make freely available all Conference documentation including the program, written presentations, audio and video files from the Conference proceedings, and the report. The web page will also be used to provide access to a live web cast of the proceedings.

4. The CDIP is invited to take note of the information contained in this document.

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