

# AGENDA ITEM ON “INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT”

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*Topics proposed by Member States  
(in the order of the receipt by the Secretariat)*

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## **Proposal by China, received on March 14, 2022**

### **✚ *Addressing Climate Change: IP Helps Achieve the Goals of Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality***

#### COMMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF CHINA:

At present, with the increasingly visible adverse impacts of climate change and growing urgency of global actions, how to address climate change to facilitate economic recovery around the world is a common issue of this era. The Medium-Term Strategic Plan (MTSP) 2022-2026 released by WIPO in 2021 also suggested that the SDGs provide a blueprint for a better and more sustainable future. Innovation and creativity are key to translating this blueprint into reality and finding solutions to the world's development challenges, including climate change. As a powerful tool for translating innovation and creativity into reality, IP has a key role to play in this process.

In 2020, China made a commitment at the 75<sup>th</sup> United Nations (UN) General Assembly: China will scale up its Intended Nationally Determined Contributions by adopting more vigorous policies and measures. We aim to have CO<sub>2</sub> emissions peak before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060. China is taking actions to this end. For instance, the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games, held successfully in early 2022, were committed to making full use of low carbon technologies to minimize the carbon footprint of the Olympic Games and to realize "low carbon Winter Olympics".

The Delegation of China is looking forward to discussing with Member States on the topic of "Addressing Climate Change: IP Helps Achieve the Goals of Carbon Peaking and Carbon Neutrality", and exchanging best practices and insights on how countries can use IP to promote low-carbon technology innovation, facilitate the transition to a low-carbon economy, and help achieve carbon peaking and carbon neutrality. The Delegation of China believes that such exchanges will make positive contributions to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 13 "take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts".

## **Proposals by the Group B, received on March 18, 2022**

### **✚ *Proposal 1: IP education: building capacity and raising awareness of IP among future innovators, creators, entrepreneurs, and legal professionals***

### **✚ *Proposal 2: IP and youth: investing in the future***

**+ Proposal 3: *Building judicial capacity in IP: national experiences***

COMMENT BY THE GROUP B:

This is a modified topic proposed by Brazil. Brazil's original proposal is IP policies and the role of the judiciary.

**+ Proposal 4: *The use of IP for building businesses: Case studies from (1) developing countries and (2) women run/owned businesses***

**+ Proposal 5: *Stimulating innovation through IP award competition programs: national experiences***

COMMENT BY THE GROUP B:

Many Member States have IP award competition programs. One example is the USPTO's Patents for Humanity program, which recognizes and rewards inventors who use innovative technologies to meet global humanitarian challenges. [www.uspto.gov/ip-policy/patent-policy/patents-humanity](http://www.uspto.gov/ip-policy/patent-policy/patents-humanity)