

COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (CDIP)

Seventh Session

Geneva, May 2 to 6, 2011, and November 14, 2011

Summary by the Chair

1. The seventh session of the CDIP was held from May 2 to 6, 2011. The session was attended by 99 Member States and 33 Observers.
2. The Committee unanimously re-elected Ambassador Md. Abdul Hannan, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, as Chair, and elected Mr. Garikai Kashitiku, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe, as Vice-Chair.
3. The Committee adopted the Draft Agenda as proposed in document CDIP/7/1 Prov.2, with some amendment.
4. Under Agenda Item 4, the CDIP decided to admit, on an *ad hoc* basis, one non-governmental organization (NGO), namely, the Association of Students and Researchers on the Governance of Island States (AECG), without implications as to its status for future CDIP meetings, for a period of one year.
5. Under Agenda Item 5, the Committee adopted the Revised Draft Report of the sixth session, contained in document CDIP/6/13 Prov., with amendments by one delegation to its own statement.
6. Under Agenda Item 6, the Committee took note of a number of general statements highlighting the importance of the Development Agenda.
7. Under Agenda Item 7, the Committee considered document CDIP/7/2 entitled Director General's Report on Implementation of the Development Agenda. A number of delegations noted that the Director General's Report, in their view, reflected his commitment to the implementation of the Development Agenda. In this context, the Director General noted that the agreed Development Agenda projects will be fully integrated into the Program and Budget for 2012-2013. A number of delegations requested greater details of the various projects and an evaluation of the impact of those projects pursuant to the Development Agenda recommendations. In this respect, the Director General noted that the Committee would in due course be provided with an evaluation of the effectiveness of completed projects.
8. The Committee considered document CDIP/7/3 entitled Patent-Related Flexibilities in the Multilateral Legal Framework and their Legislative Implementation at the National and Regional Levels – Part II. During the discussion of this document divergent views were expressed. It

was decided that the document continue to be considered at the eighth session of the Committee (CDIP8). Delegations were requested to provide their comments in writing to the Secretariat until three months before CDIP8 (i.e., to provide comments by August 15, 2011). It was agreed that at its next session, the Committee would resume discussions on the document together with the comments received by the Secretariat.

9. The Committee considered document CDIP/7/INF/2 entitled Scoping Study on Copyright and Related Rights and the Public Domain. The Committee agreed that during its next session the recommendation section of the document would be further discussed.

10. The Committee approved the project proposal entitled Intellectual Property and Brain Drain, contained in document CDIP/7/4. The Secretariat was requested to prepare and post online a revised version of the Project proposal taking into account the comments made by all Delegations.

11. With respect to document CDIP/7/5, entitled Revised Project on Patents and the Public Domain, the Committee considered a significant number of comments representing diverse views, and decided to revisit the matter at a future session.

12. With respect to document CDIP/6/9, entitled Discussion Paper on Intellectual Property (IP) and the Informal Economy, the Committee agreed that the Secretariat would develop a project document taking into account the different views expressed by delegations for consideration at its next session.

13. The Committee considered CDIP/6/10 entitled Future Work Program on Flexibilities in the Intellectual Property System. The Committee agreed that the Secretariat would revise the document, taking into account the comments of the delegations, for consideration by the Committee at its next session.

14. Following discussions, the Committee agreed that the Proposal for a CDIP New Agenda Item on Intellectual Property (IP) and Development, contained in document CDIP/6/12 Rev., would be discussed at the next session of the Committee. On the issue of the organization of an international conference on intellectual property and development, the Committee decided that the conference should be postponed, and that the funds necessary to organize the conference should be allocated accordingly in the Program and Budget for 2012-2013. Further, the Committee decided that the preparations for such international conference should be considered by the Committee at its next session.

15. The Committee considered document CDIP/7/6 entitled a Project Proposal from the African Group on Enhancing South-South Cooperation on Intellectual Property and Development Among Developing Countries and Least Developed Countries. Due to a lack of agreement on the way forward on this project proposal, the meeting was suspended on May 6, 2011.

16. The seventh session of the CDIP was resumed on November 14, 2011. The Committee then adopted the following decisions:

- i. The Committee adopted the Project on Enhancing South-South Cooperation on Intellectual Property and Development Among Developing Countries and Least Developed Countries as amended taking into account the comments made by Members during CDIP/7, with the understanding that the TORs for the meeting must be decided upon before any work on the meetings was undertaken, at regional coordinators level before the end of January 2012. With respect to this project, the Committee agreed that the meetings would be open to developing countries, least developed countries and other interested Members; and,

ii. The Committee set a deadline of February 6, 2012, for submission of comments on document CDIP/7/3 on Patent-Related Flexibilities in the Multilateral Legal Framework and their Legislative Implementation at the National and Regional Levels – Part II. It was agreed that the document would continue to be considered at CDIP9, together with Member States' comments received by the Secretariat by the agreed date.

17. The CDIP noted that the Draft Report of the seventh session would be prepared by the Secretariat and communicated to the Permanent Missions of the Member States, and would also be made available to Member States, IGOs and NGOs, in electronic form, on the WIPO website. Comments on the Draft Report should be communicated in writing to the Secretariat as soon as possible, preferably eight weeks before the next meeting. The revised Draft Report will then be considered for adoption at the beginning of the ninth session of the CDIP.

18. This Summary will constitute the Committee's report to the General Assembly.

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