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Mr. Sherif Saadallah
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Office of Strategic Use of Intellectual Property for Development
World Intellectual Property Organization
Geneva

Dear Mr. Saadallah,

Please find attached four documents containing suggestions made by the Central European and Baltic States, the Group of Friends of Development and the Republic of Korea on activities for the implementation of the WIPO Development Agenda recommendations.

These documents have been submitted by them in the context of the First Session of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP), scheduled to be held from March 3 to 7, 2008. I will request you to have these documents copied and distributed to the Member States, on the advice of the Chair of the CDIP.

With regards,

C. Trevor Clarke
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

WIPO DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

**TEMPLATE FOR SUGGESTIONS ON ACTIVITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF 26 ADOPTED PROPOSALS
FOR WHICH A WORK PROGRAM HAS TO BE PREPARED**

| No. | CLUSTER A: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING | SUGGESTIONS ON ACTIVITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ADOPTED PROPOSALS |
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| 2. | Provide additional assistance to WIPO through donor funding, and establish Trust-Funds or other voluntary funds within WIPO specifically for LDCs, while continuing to accord high priority to finance activities in Africa through budgetary and extra-budgetary resources, to promote, <i>inter alia</i> , the legal, commercial, cultural, and economic exploitation of intellectual property in these countries. | |
| 5. | WIPO shall display general information on all technical assistance activities on its website, and shall provide, on request from Member States, details of specific activities, with the consent of the Member State(s) and other recipients concerned, for which the activity was implemented. | Establishing on WIPO website, at Program Activities Menu, a link to a page including information regarding WIPO technical assistance activities. Document WIPO/EDS/INF/1 - on TA activities 2000 - 2005, prepared by the Secretariat – could be used as a basis. |
| 8. | Request WIPO to develop agreements with research institutions and with private enterprises with a view to facilitating the national offices of developing countries, especially LDCs, as well as their regional and sub-regional IP organizations to access specialized databases for the purposes of patent searches. | |

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| 9. | <p>Request WIPO to create, in coordination with Member States, a database to match specific IP-related development needs with available resources, thereby expanding the scope of its technical assistance programs, aimed at bridging the digital divide.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>To assist Member States to develop and improve national IP institutional capacity through further development of infrastructure and other facilities with a view to making national IP institutions more efficient and promote fair balance between IP protection and the public interest. This technical assistance should also be extended to sub-regional and regional organizations dealing with IP</p> | |

| No. | <p>CLUSTER B: NORM-SETTING, FLEXIBILITIES, PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC DOMAIN</p> | <p>SUGGESTIONS ON ACTIVITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ADOPTED PROPOSALS</p> |
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| 20. | <p>To promote norm-setting activities related to IP that support a robust public domain in WIPO's Member States, including the possibility of preparing guidelines which could assist interested Member States in identifying subject matters that have fallen into the public domain within their respective jurisdictions</p> | |
| 22. | <p>WIPO's norm-setting activities should be supportive of the development goals agreed within the UN system, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration.</p> <p>The WIPO Secretariat, without prejudice to the outcome of Member States considerations, should address in its working documents for norm-setting activities, as appropriate and as directed by Member States, issues such as: a) safeguarding national implementation of intellectual property rules b) links between IP and competition c) IP-related transfer of technology d) potential flexibilities, exceptions and limitations for Member States and e) the possibility of additional special provisions for developing countries and LDCs.</p> | |
| 23. | <p>To consider how to better promote pro-competitive IP licensing practices, particularly with a view to fostering creativity, innovation and the transfer and dissemination of technology to interested countries, in particular developing countries and LDCs.</p> | |

