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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to attach a working document for the Provisional Committee on Proposals Related to a WIPO Development Agenda (PCDA), as mandated by the WIPO General Assembly in October 2006. I have already conducted consultations with the various regional groups to discuss the draft document, which I had circulated in November 2006.

As you may recall, the General Assembly had reviewed the positive discussions during the two sessions of the PCDA, emphasized the need to continue discussions on the proposals submitted, and decided, *inter alia*, that in order to facilitate the task and streamline the process for detailed examination of all proposals in an inclusive manner, the PCDA would undertake an exercise:

(i) to narrow down the proposals, in order to ensure that there is no repetition or duplication;
(ii) to separate the proposals, which are actionable, from those which are declarations of general principles and objectives; and
(iii) to note those proposals, which relate to existing activities in WIPO and those, which do not.

The President of the General Assembly was entrusted with the task of producing, in consultation with Member States, the initial working documents.

In accordance with the above-mentioned decision, I analyzed the proposals, as required in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii), and prepared a draft document, which was circulated in November 2006 to the Group Coordinators. The document has been modified on the basis of consultations with the groups, as referred to above. The exercise requested in the two sub-paragraphs is reflected in the respective columns of the tables – separately for Annex A and Annex B.

Column (i) provides information on proposals which are similarly worded or have similar goals and objectives. All such proposals are cross-referenced, as indicated in the appropriate cells. It is felt that the ideas contained in each of these sets of proposals can be captured in a single proposal or single cluster of proposals for each set, thereby providing a basis for eliminating repetitive or duplicative ones, as appropriate, and thus reducing the total number of proposals in the two annexes which are to be considered by the PCDA.

His Excellency
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Column (ii) specifies whether a proposal is 'actionable' or is a 'declaration of general principle or objective'. As observed by a number of delegations during my consultations, I recognize that there is a fine line between what can be considered actionable and a declaration of principle. In this regard, much depends on how a proposal is drafted and interpreted.

I would also like to clarify that my characterization of a proposal as 'actionable' or 'declaration of general principle or objective' is based on the proposals as they are presently drafted, and my effort to fulfill the mandate in the aforementioned General Assembly Resolution. It is not intended to determine or imply any order of priority of the proposals nor is it intended to suggest how each proposal is to be considered, which would be entirely up to the PCDA. It is also my understanding that when the PCDA takes up individual proposals for consideration, it will examine each proposal comprehensively, taking note of all the factors previously presented by the respective proponents, in the different sessions of the IIM/PCDA.

With reference to sub-paragraph (iii), the information contained in column (iii) has been provided by the International Bureau of WIPO, on my request, and in that regard seeks to relate the information on existing WIPO activities to the proposals.

I wish you all success in the forthcoming discussions in the PCDA.

Sincerely yours,

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Permanent Representative

Enclosure: As stated.