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Excellency,

Kindly refer to the decision of the WIPO General Assembly, in its session held in September-October 2007, to establish a Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP). The General Assembly had also requested me, in my capacity as the Chair of the Provisional Committee on Proposals Related to a WIPO Development Agenda (PCDA), to prepare the initial working documents, including a draft work program, in consultation with Member States and the Secretariat. The draft work program was required to address, *inter alia*, the financial and human resources requirements for inclusion in WIPO's budgetary planning process.

Accordingly, I had a few meetings with Member States and the Secretariat in order to facilitate the preparation of these documents. The documents have since been prepared and are attached as follows:

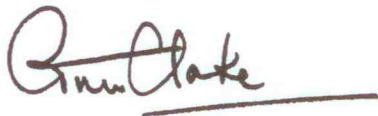
- (a) Preliminary Implementation Report with respect to the 19 proposals identified for immediate implementation by WIPO; and
- (b) Initial Working Document regarding the implementation of the 26 agreed proposals.

With regard to (a) above, it may be noted that with the approval of the Report of the WIPO General Assembly in mid-November 2007, the Director General of WIPO issued instructions to the sectors concerned to start implementing these proposals. Since then, WIPO has initiated activities for implementing these proposals. The Secretariat has prepared some information on the activities, which have been implemented/planned in respect of these 19 proposals. Another detailed report will be submitted for the July 2008 Session of the CDIP.

With regard to (b) above, the document contains a list of activities proposed to be taken up by WIPO to implement the remaining 26 proposals. The information provided relates to the nature of the activity and its objectives etc. A detailed assessment has not yet been made in respect of additional requirements of human and financial resources to implement these activities. It is expected that such an assessment will be completed by the July 2008 Session of the CDIP.

I will request you to submit these documents to the CDIP for its consideration.

With regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "C. Trevor Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

C. Trevor Clarke
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

WIPO Development Agenda Preliminary Implementation Report in Respect of 19 Proposals¹

The WIPO General Assembly reviewed the discussions during the two sessions of the Provisional Committee on Proposals Related to a WIPO Development Agenda (PCDA), in February and June 2007, noted the spirit of engagement and cooperation demonstrated by Member States during the meetings of the PCDA, expressed satisfaction at the consensus reached on the proposals submitted by Member States on the establishment of a development agenda for WIPO and decided, *inter alia*, to adopt the recommendations for action in the 45 agreed proposals contained in Annex A of document A/43/16.

The Assembly also decided to immediately implement the recommendations contained in the list of 19 proposals in Annex B of the same document. The Member States, however, stressed that it did not, in any way, imply that these proposals had been accorded a higher priority than the others or that their implementation, or aspects of it, would not be discussed in the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP), in coordination with relevant WIPO bodies. The set of 19 proposals was identified by the Chair of the PCDA in consultation with the Group Coordinators and the Secretariat and other interested members. The broad guidelines that were followed in identifying these proposals were as follows:

- (i) WIPO is already implementing related activities which could be appropriately modified or strengthened to meet with the specific concerns;
- (ii) It is not considered necessary, at this stage, to develop a detailed work program before initiating implementation of the proposal;
- (iii) The proposal does not require the engagement of additional human resources at this stage and the activity can be implemented with the existing staff; and
- (iv) Finally, the proposal does not require the allocation of additional financial resources at this stage, and the activity can be implemented with the existing allocations.

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The 19 proposals fall in the following clusters:

1. Technical Assistance and Capacity Building
2. Norm-Setting, Flexibilities, Public Domain and Public Policy
3. Assessment, Evaluation and Impact Studies
4. Institutional Matters including Mandate and Governance

¹ Proposals adopted by the General Assembly for immediate implementation

The Secretariat has prepared some information on some of the activities which have been implemented/planned in respect of these proposals which are contained in the Annex. Another detailed report will be submitted for the July 2008 Session of the CDIP.

[Annex follows]

