

**PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROPOSALS RELATED TO A WORLD
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) DEVELOPMENT
AGENDA**

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**Statement by
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Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Members of WIPO,
Ladies and Gentleman,

We would like to begin by thanking WIPO Member States for granting us accreditation in order to attend the first PCDA meeting and for allowing us to take the floor.

3D -> Trade - Human Rights - Equitable Economy (3D) is a not-for-profit organization based in Geneva which promotes collaboration amongst trade, development and human rights professionals, to ensure that trade rules are developed and applied in ways that support an equitable economy.

3D encourages the elaboration of intellectual property systems that are consistent with the development commitments and human rights obligations of States.

We welcome the proposals submitted to the Provisional Committee on Proposals Related to a WIPO Development Agenda (PCDA) and those submitted to the WIPO intersessional intergovernmental meetings in 2005.

In the spirit of providing constructive and substantive input to WIPO's Development Agenda discussions, we would like to draw the attention of Member States to a Policy Brief just published by 3D entitled, "*Policy Brief on Intellectual Property, Development and Human Rights: How Human Rights Can Support Proposals for a World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Development Agenda.*"

As outlined in the brief, we believe that human rights can support a number of reforms put forward in the proposals for a WIPO Development Agenda.

For example, human rights rules and mechanisms support the call for greater coherence between the policies of WIPO and those of other United Nations organs.

Also, the reporting and assessment dimensions of human rights law support the idea of independent evaluation of WIPO activities and impact assessments of intellectual property policies.

Furthermore, human rights law also encourages a more transparent, non-discriminatory and human rights-consistent approach to WIPO norm-setting activities and requires the implementation of a system of meaningful public consultation and effective participation in decision-making.

Human rights also support proposals for the reform of WIPO technical assistance in a manner that is non-discriminatory and responds to the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalized individuals and groups.

Finally, human rights rules and mechanisms could provide a framework for the elaboration of a Treaty on Access to Knowledge and Technology, by putting the right to access information at the core of such a treaty.

We therefore encourage WIPO Member States to use the PCDA discussions to achieve an actionable WIPO Development Agenda that is coherent with their development and human rights commitments.

We hope that this human rights perspective will be of interest and value to all of the delegations participating in this week. To this end, we have made copies of 3D's Policy Brief available on the tables outside the conference room. Copies are available in English, French and Spanish.

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