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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I thank DDG Hasan Kleib for his presentation and Secretariat for preparing the report.

The delegation of Japan greatly appreciates that WIPO has been steadily working toward implementing the Development Agenda recommendations. We attach great importance to development-related initiatives, including technical assistance and capacity-building.

Through the Funds-in-Trust Japan Industrial Property Global, we have been providing various types of assistance to developing countries all over the world.

For example, FIT Japan IP Global has been used to help digitize national IP data in several countries since 2017. We help digitize IP documents in Botswana, Eswatini, Madagascar, Malawi, Thailand, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia and OAPI in 2020. We believe that high-quality digital data of national IP rights makes the IP office administrations more functional, and makes user experience much better.

Regarding WIPO's contribution to the SDGs, Japan can significantly contribute to the development of WIPO GREEN with the world's largest number of WIPO GREEN users and partners. The Japan Patent Office (JPO) has expanded the WIPO GREEN network by working with WIPO and stakeholders around the world, supporting its activities by making voluntary contributions.

For example, this year JPO has begun supporting an Acceleration Project in Latin America. JPO is interested in producing concrete best practices, and presenting them to the world. This also brings more attention to WIPO GREEN, increases the number of participating companies, produces more best practices, and enables WIPO to achieve SDGs. This is what we believe to be the ideal approach. We hope that this support will further encourage the matching of green technologies to existing needs in Argentina, Brazil and Chile, which are targets of the Acceleration Project and which produce best practices.

Furthermore, JPO held a joint symposium with WIPO in June on WIPO GREEN's initiatives

that facilitate the advancement of green technologies around the world. In the symposium's panel discussion, the panelists discussed the initiatives, current status, challenges, and future development of WIPO GREEN based on their concrete and practical experiences. Utilizing WIPO GREEN, JPO will continue striving to improve the environment within which to help solve social issues.

Lastly, we believe that IP Advantage, which is a collection of over 200 successful cases related to IP and established based on the discussion at the CDIP, is an effective tool in the context of development. We hope this activity contributes to making efficient and effective IP ecosystem.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.