



South Centre Statement to the Sixty-Fifth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (2024)

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Thank you, Chairperson.

The South Centre is the intergovernmental think tank of developing countries.

We congratulate the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for the successful adoption of the WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge. We call on WIPO members to adhere to the treaty to enable its rapid entry into force, and to advance relevant amendments to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

The South Centre is accepting requests for technical assistance for the implementation of the treaty.

On WIPO normative work, we hope to see increased commitment to advance the agenda on copyright limitations and exceptions (L&Es).

We evoke the status of WIPO as a United Nations specialized agency that must continue to implement the WIPO Development Agenda. In this regard, we express concerns about a side event co-hosted by the WIPO Secretariat during these Assemblies with the advocacy institution for the big pharmaceutical companies.

We urge the General Assembly to instruct all the WIPO bodies to resume reporting on the implementation of the Development Agenda to the Assembly.

We express solidarity with the Palestine State, an Observer to WIPO, and call on these Assemblies to condemn Israel's actions that have killed scores of innocent civilians and the ravaging of cultural heritage, educational, health and other institutions.

Thank you.

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