



**Joint Statement of
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We, the Intellectual Property Offices operating in the G20 countries (IP20+), participated in the Global Intellectual Property Challenges Forum organized by the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property by virtual means in Riyadh on 26 October 2020, held on the margins of the Saudi G20 Presidency, to share the common recognition of the importance of IP and decide the future direction of the IP20+ initiatives to overcome global risks.





RECALLING that G20 represents around 80% of the world's economic output, two-thirds of global population and three-quarters of international trade, and around 96% of all patent filings 91% of all trademark filings, 94% of worldwide design filings, and 73% of creative goods exports were from G20 countries;

RECOGNIZING that IP is a key element of innovation-based economies, through which IP20+ contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and an integral element of global trade, confirming that IP20+ cooperation needs to reinforce the role of IP in fostering innovation and creativity for the wellbeing of our societies;

Based on this recognition, we strive to:

- **Exchange IP policy information:** endeavor to share IP policy and regulatory approaches relevant to help tackle pandemics and emergencies.
- **Encourage voluntary dissemination of relevant scientific and technological knowledge while supporting respect for intellectual property rights:** Promote voluntary sharing of scientific and technological IP information to help researchers in the G20 countries and beyond to seek and find solutions in pandemics and emergencies.
- **Explore practices and procedures of IP Offices:** Endeavor to share IP Offices' good practices and procedures, such as extension of time limits and waiving fees by IP offices in the G20 countries, in response to pandemics and emergencies and promote these practices and procedures to non-G20 countries.
- **Exchange experiences in the use of digital technologies:** Digital technologies have become one of the priority areas for society development but also an indispensable tool for guaranteeing the smooth Offices' operation during the pandemic. This includes remote work and the provision of services in electronic





form. IP 20+ endeavors to exchange experience in the use of digital technologies in their work to improve the efficiency of examination and operational processes.

- **Promote the role of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO):** As the agency within the United Nations (UN) system responsible for IP services, policy, information and cooperation, IP20+ acknowledges that WIPO has valuable expertise and experience to help address the issues arising for IP and innovation. We reaffirm the important role that WIPO plays in discussions on IP within the UN system.
- **Enhance IP cooperation among G20 countries:** Stress the importance of cooperation with intergovernmental organizations, governments and the private sector working together to incentivize innovation and overcome any demonstrated obstacles to defeat the pandemic and repair its economic consequences.
- **Share a willingness to consider future IP20+ meetings:** The Global Intellectual Property Challenges Forum provided a meaningful opportunity for IP20+ to discuss the contribution of IP to overcoming global challenges. We share a willingness to consider such meetings in the future.

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