

**WIPO Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE)**  
**16th Session**  
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**Closing Statement by the EU and its Member States**

Chair,

1. On behalf of the European Union and its Member States, we would like to thank you and your Vice-Chairs for moderating the rich and constructive discussions we had during this 16th Session of the WIPO Advisory Committee on Enforcement. We would like to thank again the WIPO Secretariat for the preparation of the working documents and all its work during the session. Our gratitude also goes to the interpreters for their excellent assistance throughout the meeting.

2. We were interested to learn about all the projects and initiatives presented during this session, and would like to congratulate the delegates and speakers on their contributions. As we stated in our opening statement, the European Union and its Member States believe that the valuable work of this Committee is crucial to enable exchange of best practices between the WIPO Member States, learning from each other's experience.

3. We welcome the intention to continue the work in this Committee under a well-balanced work programme, in a positive and collaborative spirit. We look forward to continuing discussions on education and awareness raising initiatives at the next session, not only to sensitize the society on the negative consequences of infringements of IPR, but also to demonstrate how to promote easy access to legal content and genuine products. We believe that measures that support small and medium enterprises in their efforts to combat counterfeiting and piracy should remain in the focus of this Committee's work. The discussions on the use of new technologies and role of intermediaries in IP enforcement was particularly interesting, and we would appreciate continuing it in the future.

4. The European Union and its Member States will continue to support the work of this Committee and look forward to further fruitful cooperation.

Thank you.