

## **Advisory Committee on Enforcement**

**Seventeenth Session**  
**Geneva, February 4 to 6, 2025**

### **THE IMPACT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT IN THE BIOTECHNOLOGY SECTOR**

*Proposal prepared by the Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC)<sup>1</sup>*

1. In view of the discussions that took place during the sixteenth session of the Advisory Committee on Enforcement (ACE), held from January 31 to February 2, 2024, on the Committee's pivotal role in promoting and protecting intellectual property (IP) rights worldwide and in fostering innovation, creativity and economic development in the face of global issues such as climate change, loss of biodiversity, sustainable development and social inclusion; and in line with document WIPO/ACE/16/19 (Summary by the Chair), GRULAC submits the key elements for an event proposal for the eighteenth session of the ACE, to be included under the second of the four agreed-upon work program items for discussion at the Committee's seventeenth session.

#### **I. PURPOSE**

2. To hold a discussion during the eighteenth session of the ACE, at WIPO headquarters, with an international panel comprising representatives from government, civil society, academia and business on the socioeconomic impact of intellectual property infringement in the biotechnology sector.

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<sup>1</sup> Argentina reserves its position on the proposal and understands that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development consists of a series of aspirations that are not legally binding and which each State, in the exercise of its sovereignty, may interpret and pursue as it sees fit, taking into account the different situations, capacities and levels of development of each and respecting their national policies and priorities, as indeed provided for in United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1 on the 2030 Agenda.

## **II. OBJECTIVES**

### **3. The objectives of the discussion are to**

- (a) raise awareness of the impact of intellectual property infringement in the biotechnology sector;
- (b) identify policymaking tools and collaborative strategies to address intellectual property infringement in the biotechnology sector, including but not limited to promoting the quality of the intellectual property system;
- (c) share experiences, case studies and best practices in combatting intellectual property infringements in the biotechnology sector; and
- (d) address the adverse effects of intellectual property infringement in the biotechnology sector on innovation and socioeconomic growth.

### **4. Format**

- (a) A seminar, roundtable or dialogue included in the Committee's eighteenth session, which will be reflected in detail in the Summary by the Chair as per usual practice.
- (b) In selecting speakers and participants, the Secretariat will invite Member States through the Group Coordinators to express their interest.

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