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AM 5 (Renew Europe), **AM 6** (Rapporteur/S&D), AM 7 (NI), **AM 10** (Renew Europe), **AM 13** (Renew Europe)

2. Calls on the Commission to continue strengthening intellectual property rights (IPR) protection and enforcement in non-EU countries, *also through an increase of funding for targeted EU technical cooperation programmes and capacity building* [AM 7], *such as the three ongoing IP Key cooperation programmes with China, Southeast Asia and Latin America* [AM 6]; *in this context, encourages the Commission, on the basis of the EU's experience, to assist and provide policy makers and enforcement authorities with knowledge and guidelines for improving the capacity to tackle infringements of IPRs, and to promote feasible solutions, which could significantly reduce costs and simplify the procedures for obtaining, maintaining and enforcing the protection of IPRs, as well as to give information to rights holders about the changing infringement landscape and the supply of counterfeit goods* [AM 5]; welcomes in particular the intention to promote better generation and management of intellectual property (IP) on the African continent as part of a joint partnership building on the current four-year cooperation programme for Africa (*AfrIPI*), *the first of its kind, which will lead to a better microclimate for SMEs, contribute to increasing competitiveness and flexibility and, in the long-term, enhance the resilience of companies which operate in developing countries* [AM 13]; *urges the Commission to work towards forging a stronger consensus on the importance of IPR protection in increasing creativity, supporting bottom-up research as well as promoting socioeconomic growth and development, through which innovators and investors can encourage domestic innovation and attract sustainable foreign direct investment* [AM 6, AM 10], *also by offering means to participate in global economic activities and by strengthening exports of local products* [AM 10];

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AM 16 (Renew Europe), **AM 18** (Greens), AM 19 (NI), **AM 20** (Rapporteur/S&D)

3. *Calls on the Commission to boost research to determine how the IP strategies of companies based in developing countries differ from firms located in developed countries, and how legal systems in developing countries address IP protection* [AM 19]; strongly encourages the Commission *and EU Delegations* [AM 20] to assist producers and their associations as well as local authorities in developing countries in unlocking the potential of IP and reaping the economic value of local innovations, geographical indications and traditional knowledge; reiterates its call, in this regard, to respect the progress achieved in the international protection of indigenous peoples' rights over their genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge; *calls on the Commission to increase efforts to offer qualified consulting services with the purpose of helping innovative enterprises at the different stages of the research and innovation process, as well as to provide technical assistance and raise awareness as to the significance of the opportunities which new technologies, including digital means, offer for growth and competitiveness* [AM 16]; *more broadly, calls on the EU and its Member States to support regional projects such as the African Continental Free Trade Agreement, which should favour products of local enterprises and in this way support regional industrialisation processes* [AM 18];