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ADDENDUM TO ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

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1. The Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/11/2, entitled “Accreditation of Certain Organizations”, lists a number of organizations which requested, before April 30, 2007, to be granted observer status in sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, according to the Rules of Procedure.

2. The Annex to the present document lists additional organizations, which have subsequently requested observer status.

3. *The Intergovernmental Committee is invited to approve the accreditation of the organizations referred to in the Annex to this document as ad hoc observers, in addition to the organizations listed in the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/11/2.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED
REPRESENTATION AS OBSERVERS
IN SESSIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Center for Public Policy and Indigenous Rights/*Centro de Políticas Públicas y Derechos Indígenas* (CPPDI)

Global Development for Pygmy Minorities (GLODEPM)

Juliaca Andean Folklore Center/*Centro Folklórico Andino de Juliaca*

Lawyer's Association for Human Rights of Nepalese Indigenous Peoples (LAHURNIP)

National Coordinator for Indigenous Women of Panama/*Coordinadora Nacional de Mujeres Indígenas de Panama* (CONAMUIP)

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc.

Working Group on Indigenous Issues/ *Grupo de Trabajo sobre Asuntos Indígenas* (GTAI)

Center for Public Policy and Indigenous Rights/
Centro de Políticas Públicas y Derechos Indígenas (CPPDI)

Main objectives of the Organization:

The *Center for Public Policy and Indigenous Rights* is a research program consisting of a network of indigenous researchers with academic training at first degree and postgraduate level, whose academic and intellectual task focuses on analysis, monitoring and impact on the formulation of public policies which have effects, either positive or negative, for the collective rights and territories of indigenous peoples.

Main activities of the Organization:

As an academic program, its basic activities are applied research, university training and education, documentation, legal protection advice and consultation in national courts and the Inter-American system. The Center's main areas of work cover:

- Indigenous knowledge and intellectual property;
- Rights in indigenous lands and waters;
- Monitoring of managed public policies;
- International law of indigenous peoples.

Information on the Center's activities is available through its website at www.politicaspUBLICAS.cl. The website receives an average of 550 visits per day and has become a reference portal containing electronic resources on indigenous rights, which is consulted by indigenous organizations and State and international bodies.

The Center produces:

- periodical follow-up reports on public policies in Chile,
- reports on the situation concerning rights of indigenous peoples in Latin America and Chile,
- books, and teaching and multimedia material on rights of indigenous peoples,
- books and articles with analysis of cases.

It comprises mainly Mapuche researchers, as voluntary members, and a network of associated university researchers.

The Center for Public Policy and Indigenous Rights is managed by Victor Toledo Llancaqueo, a historian, coordinator of the Working Group on Indigenous Movements and Democracy of the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO), and an ECLAC consultant on indigenous affairs.

The Center is linked to international and Latin American university networks for research and education on rights of indigenous peoples, social sciences, human rights and legal pluralism.

The Center is currently a member of the:

- *Working Group on Indigenous Movements and Democracy* of the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO), www.clacso.org
- *Latin American Network of Legal Anthropology* (RELAJU),
- *Spanish Association of University Research and Education on Indigenous Rights*.

The *Center for Public Policy and Indigenous Rights* has participated as a collaborator with the *United Nations Special Rapporteur for Indigenous Rights and Freedoms*, through seminars and by providing periodical reports. The Center has acted as a counterpart in research missions by the International Federation for Human Rights (IHF). The Center maintains cooperation and exchange relations with indigenous organizations from Chile, Ecuador and Mexico.

The Director of the Center is the coauthor of the central chapter of the ECLCAC-UN Report on the Social Panorama of Latin America 2006, relating to the rights of indigenous peoples, www.eclac.org

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

Intellectual property and its relationship with the traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples is one of the Center's main areas of research.

The Center carries out research activities, provides legal advice and monitors industrial and intellectual property related to indigenous knowledge: marks, patents, industrial designs and copyright.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Chile.

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Global Development for Pygmy Minorities (GLODEPM)

Main objectives of the Organization:

The non-governmental organization Global Development for Pygmy Minorities (GLODEPM), is an association of native Pygmy women, the aims of which are to:

- promote the rights and culture of Pygmy women,
- fight for the comprehensive development of Pygmy women in relation to the Millennium Development Goals and the New Partnership for Development with Lenders.

This organization, founded about ten years ago (June 1989) in the western forest province of the Democratic Republic of Congo, stems from the male organizations, which have long ago developed complete inertia, so the women decided, together with a few men, to set up this new organization, the main aims of which are discussed below.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

Pygmies in general and Pygmy women from the west of the Democratic Republic of Congo in particular are born into the oral tradition. This civilization, rich in knowledge of all kinds, has passed on, through the different generations, materials and products of the mind and the legendary pygmy culture (through cultural ceremonies or funerals, sacred rites, ceremonial objects and funeral statuettes, spiritual cults, unregulated medical therapies in sacred sites).

The whole of this cultural wealth should be protected by standards and laws governed by UNESCO, WIPO, UNEP and WTO. Thus, in regulating the trade in antique objects, the cultural heritage of native peoples must fix the rights of productions and patents (copyrights) by demonstrating or assigning the origin or the original mark of native products (industrial property).

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Additional Information:

Our urgent concerns:

1. Protection of Sacred Forest and Aquatic Sites Threatened by Forestry Exploitation at the Equator (Bikoro).

The native pygmies, who had their land expropriated, could just about live on their sacred sites and the legendary wealth which was the sacred heritage bequeathed by our ancestors, capable of providing native peoples with financial resources to deal with the passage of tourists. Alas, currently multinationals and forestry companies affiliated to the Congolese authorities are imposing themselves and cutting down trees, and therefore destroying this cultural wealth.

2. Strengthening and Verification of Measures for Fixing Patents and Copyrights in Native Products of the Mind

The United Nations bodies concerned, UNESCO, WIPO, UNEP and WTO, and the Ministries of Culture of the countries where the natives are the authors, must work together to ensure the operation succeeds. For example, the origin of a statuette X should be fixed by attaching to it the date of production, details of the producers, country, etc, in order no longer to allow plagiarism, copying etc, in order for native peoples to benefit from their spiritual rights.

3. All the Techniques and Works of the Mind of Native Peoples should be Computerized in Databanks with a view to managing them correctly and allowing further research of native pharmaceutical products against bites from poisonous snakes, intestinal worms, toxic products, pieces of wood used to make fire etc...must be included in the computerized list of valuable objects.

4. Certain points in the Berne Convention (1971) and the Rio de Janeiro Convention (1992) should be revised with a view to updating them for the benefit of natives in relation to problems of biodiversity.

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Juliaca Andean Folklore Center/*Centro Folklorico Andino de Juliaca*

Main objectives of the Organization:

This institution promotes folklore in this part of Peru and its main objective is to develop dance activities in the area of Lake Titicaca. Such promotion is also directed in particular towards indigenous communities, most of all in research into ancient folklore.

General objectives: The dissemination of the vernacular art of native dance customs in the Andean region.

Specific objectives: To disseminate Andean music and dances in all the indigenous regions and communities in the area.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Venezuela.

Full Contact Information:

Our institution is located mostly in indigenous communities where communication is not easy, for which reason at the time when we arrive in the city of Juliaca we have only an email address as a means of contact:

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Organization Representative:

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Lawyer's Association for Human Rights
of Nepalese Indigenous Peoples (LAHURNIP)

Main objectives of the Organization:

LAHURNIP was established in 1993 initiated by indigenous lawyers wishing to work collectively in order to promote social justice.

The main objective of LAHURNIP is to protect, defend and promote human rights of indigenous peoples in Nepal amicably and work collectively at regional and international level with organizations which have similar goals and objectives.

Main activities of the Organization:

Promote dialogue between indigenous peoples and the government as well as other agencies to promote IP rights.

Conduct lobby and advocacy work for promoting indigenous rights.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

LAHURNIP has been involved in the drafting of the Bill related to "Access and Benefit Sharing" and in the promotion of the Bill, currently under consideration of the Nepalese Government. LAHURNIP has also been involved in the promotion of the ILO Convention No. 169 in Nepal.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Nepal.

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National Coordinator for Indigenous Women of Panama/
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Main objectives of the Organization:

CONAMUIP is the organization which represents indigenous women in Panama. It was formed in 1993, when the women from three ethnic groups – Kuna, Emberá and Ngobe – got together and took the decision to form an organization of indigenous women, known as the National Coordinator for Indigenous Women of Panama (CONAMUIP). The organization was granted legal status by the Ministry of Government and Justice on July 22, 1999. The Coordinator is a community service organization which represents organizations of indigenous women from indigenous regions.

According to its mandate, CONAMUIP is committed to the social, health, economic and cultural development of indigenous women and their families. The organization promotes community projects and helps to maintain traditional values.

Its objectives are:

- Strengthen the participation and leadership of indigenous women within the regional, national and international sphere, as a manager and player involved in the social, economic, cultural and political development of society.
- Strengthen the historical and cultural identity, by recovering the wisdom and spirituality of indigenous women.
- Raise the economic level of indigenous women and their families.
- Improve all aspects of the living conditions of indigenous women.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

Panama made significant progress in relation to intellectual property when, in 2000, it adopted Law No. 20 on the Special Intellectual Property Regime on the Collective Rights of Indigenous Peoples, for the Protection and Defense of their Cultural Identity and Traditional Knowledge.

CONAMUIP devises programs for indigenous women, to supply information on the intellectual property rights in their crafts and access to new technologies. It organized various workshops to raise awareness of and publicize Law No. 20 on Intellectual Property for the different indigenous peoples in the country. Thus, in 2005 CONAMUIP organized the First National Crafts Workshop in order to provide craftsmen and designers with information on intellectual property law and the regulations concerning registration of use, which protect various indigenous craft models.

CONAMUIP forms part of the Continental Liaison Group of Indigenous Women of the Americas and has been in charge of the Liaison Group Technical Secretariat since 2003. The President of CONAMUIP has also been the Coordinator of the Marketing, Intellectual Property and Biodiversity Commission of the Liaison Group since 2003.

The Commission was founded in 1996 with a mandate to inform, train and seek alternatives for the defense of the intellectual property in designs and market access for the products made by indigenous women.

CONAMUIP participates in various national and international events concerning the intellectual property of traditional knowledge. Thus, the Marketing and Intellectual Property Commission organized the intellectual property workshop held in Canada in 1999, bringing indigenous leaders and craftsmen closer to the intellectual property dimension as a right and, similarly, various meetings have been held in Peru, Ecuador in 2005 and Venezuela in 2006. It also participated in training workshops on intellectual property law in Canada in 1999, and in events organized by the Directorate General of Intellectual Property of Panama (DIGERPI), in which WIPO representatives took part.

CONAMUIP has shared Panama's experience with other regions and wishes to continue disseminating information on the law and the registration that has taken place to date, as is the case with mola, nagua, chacara bags and other art forms, and in that way to share Panama's experience with other peoples and countries. It therefore considers it important to be able to participate in the WIPO negotiations.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Panama.

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Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc.

Main objectives of the Organization:

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc. is a tribal organization, constituted as a Trust Board under the Incorporated Societies Act of New Zealand 1908.

The objectives are the following:

- to promote, practice and assist the education of members of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc.
- to promote and practice the custody, protection and preservation of the traditional knowledge, intellectual property rights, beliefs customs and language of Ngāti Kahungunu.
- to promote and practice the social and economic welfare and advancement and vocational training of Ngāti Kahungunu.
- to promote and practice community and personal physical, spiritual and mental health, fitness and well-being in order to raise the living standards of Ngāti Kahungunu.
- to promote and practice excellence in quality communications to and for the benefit of Ngāti Kahungunu.

Main activities of the Organization:

To enhance the mana – prestige and well being of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi through:

- how we relate with and amongst ourselves;
- how we relate with other iwi (tribes), hapū (extended family) and whānau (family);
- how we relate to other races, creeds and countries of the world through the Declaration of Independence (1835);
- how we relate with the Crown;
- how to achieve Māori sovereignty through unity;
- how to do it; modus operandi – “face to face”.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc. is currently leading the multi-tribal claim – WAI 262, against the Crown to the Waitangi Tribunal. This is an indigenous claim seeking the protection of our Flora and Fauna, Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expression, Folklore, Copyright, Patents, Trade Marks.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

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Working Group on Indigenous Issues (GTAI)/
Grupo de Trabajo sobre Asuntos Indígenas (GTAI)

Main objectives of the Organization:

The GTAI works to enforce indigenous territorial rights and accompanies certain indigenous peoples in the processes of claiming their rights and in the process of their self-determination. The GTAI is a working group attached to the Center for Political and Social Studies of the Faculty of Legal and Political Sciences of the University of the Andes (CEPSAL).

As part of their research work and training of new researchers, the members of the GTAI provide advice on undergraduate and postgraduate theses in fields related to their areas of research.

The GTAI's fields of research are:

1. Law and indigenous public policies
2. Sustainable economy
3. Intellectual property
4. Venezuela Monitoring Center for Indigenous Issues

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

Intellectual property covers a large part of the GTAI's working agenda and research, including:

- Traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples
- Protection of collective indigenous rights
- Protection instruments for indigenous rights, and
- Customary indigenous law and intellectual property.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active:

Ecuador, Mexico and Venezuela.

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