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### ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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1. The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”), at its first session, held in Geneva, from April 30 to May 3, 2001, approved certain organizational and procedural matters, including according *ad hoc* observer status to a number of non-governmental organizations that had expressed their wish to have a role in the works of the Committee (see the Report, as adopted by the Committee, document WIPO/GRKTF/IC/1/13, paragraph 18).

2. Since then, an additional number of non-governmental organizations have expressed to the Secretariat their wish to obtain the same status for the subsequent sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee. A document containing the names and other biographical details of the organizations which, before July 15, 2004, requested representation in the seventh session of the Intergovernmental Committee is attached to this document as an Annex. The biographical details on the organizations contained in the Annex were received from each organization.

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.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

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

Congolese Association of Young Chefs and Gastrotechnie Consultancy International

*Groupe des Jeunes Agronomes Actifs pour le Développement Intégré au Cameroun*  
(JAADIC)

Human BioEthics Treaty Organization/*Organisation pour le Traité sur la Bioéthique  
Humaine* (HBTO)

International Commission for the Rights of Aboriginal People (ICRA)

Jigyansu Tribal Research Centre (JTRC)

Sámikopiiija - The Saami Reproduction Rights Organisation

Congolese Association of Young Chefs and Gastrotechnie Consultancy International

The mission of the Congolese Association of Young Chefs and Gastrotechnie Consultancy International is to promote African (Congolese) Cuisine, Culture and culinary Arts and its eating habits worldwide. The Organization considers cooking (cuisine) and eating habits as tools by which their national cultural identity is affirmed. The dangers of extinction faced by ethno-culinary culture, requires it to be protected. For this purpose and also not to loose and forget their cuisine, the Organization has founded the program Gastrotechnie African (Congolese) Cooking Research and Development.

Gastrotechnie African Congolese and Cooking Research and Development is a Program of the Congolese Association of Young Chefs and Gastrotechnie Consultancy International which aims to reaffirm and promote the cooking profession in all its dimensions, and particularly in the Congolese and African area of cooking and related activities. As it is a bilingual research program, studies and researches within the Organization are conducted in English and French in collaboration with the Congolese community.

Main objectives of the Organization:

The main objectives of the Organization is to:

- become a world Research and Development unit for the promotion of African (Congolese) cooking and eating habits; and,
- become an international center for the Exportation of Congolese and African Cuisine.

Additional objectives include:

- To promote and reaffirm African cuisine and its eating habits world wide;
- To promote and reaffirm Congolese cuisine and its eating habits world wide;
- To promote Congolese and African traditional cuisine and eating habits;
- To modernize and accommodate the Congolese Traditional cuisine to the international standard and export it world wide;
- To publish Congolese cookbooks and articles in order to promote the Congolese traditional cuisine; and,
- To offer specialized cookery training program in order to form and refresh African Cookery experts.

Main activities of the Organization:

- To promote Congolese and African cooking and eating habits through participation to: summits; seminars; conference; cooking workshop and exhibitions.
- To publish cookbooks and write articles.
- To work in partnership with local, regional and international institutions dealing with similar and related fields.
- To operate a “Liboke Newsletter” which will promote Congolese and African cooking in regional and international markets.
- To export Congolese and African exotic food world wide through Cooking Competitions, workshop and exhibitions.
- To operate a Congolese and African Cooking Research laboratory with its library for the use of local, regional, and international readers, chefs and specialists of Congolese and African cooking and eating habits.

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*Groupe des Jeunes Agronomes Actifs pour le Développement Intégré au Cameroun*  
(JAADIC)

The *Groupe des Jeunes Agronomes Actifs pour le Développement Intégré au Cameroun* (JAADIC) was founded by Mr. Tsafack Djiague, an agricultural engineer, in 1999. All members at the initial stage were soldiers and volunteers. This was aimed to give young Cameroonians self-employment. JAADIC is a company pioneered by young agricultural engineers which is initiating projects in agro-farming with the purpose of reducing unemployment, eradicating poverty, and contributing to sustainable development. The Organization is active in many rural areas favoring the integration of women and children providing furthermore the latter with education to enable them easy rehabilitation in the society. The Organization aims its activities to satisfy foreign markets in order to grow its capacity to recruit a maximum number of graduates in the business. The opening of an office in the all agro-ecological zone of Cameroon contributed to the halt the intellectual exodus through the use of the maximum number of graduates from a higher education.

Certain projects of the Organization include: SIRU (Service of Rapid Intervention for Urgency) and GEDRAD (Sustainable natural resource management for sustainable agriculture). Certain job creation strategies, taking in consideration the rural population, require the available of production factors and its technical support. The Organization promotes activities such as art, agriculture for development, strategies for creation of sustainable base of source of income.

Main Objectives of the Organization:

- To fight against unemployment of youths and women with priority reserved for agricultural engineers and agro-foresters.
- To fight against poverty from the grass root level (rural population) with priority reserved for peasant organizations (common initiative groups unions and federations of groups). These groups are educated, trained, supported, supervised and oriented by JAADIC.
- Sustainable management of natural resources for sustainable agriculture. Through five years of work with farmers the Organization has learnt much from them and all these traditional knowledge are entitled "Reference to ancestor for knowledge sure".

Main activities include:

Definition	Agricultural audit	Agri-business	Support of development	Demonstration and experimentation farm	Environmental protection and sustainable agriculture
Activities	Temporal and permanent earning agricultural farm management	Negotiation exportation and the local sell of good of our services	Technical support to farmers groups and women association	Creation of integrated and biological farm of Africa	- Conference - Seminars - Sensitation And sustainable management of natural resources
Strategies	Incitation to private and external investment,	Research and consolidation of external financial and	Incitation to grouping on the buying and selling of	Quality control of produce and the cost of production in the	Sustain the use of natural resources by securing its existence for

	prerequisite of exportation proposition of more profitable projects	commercial relations. This implied the four other department	controlled produce, prerequisite to exportation.	school farm, school apiculture and in the production farm	sustainable development
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Human BioEthics Treaty Organization/Organisation pour le Traité sur la Bioéthique  
Humaine (HBTO)

Human BioEthics Treaty Organization/Organisation pour le Traité sur la Bioéthique Humaine (HBTO) is an international non-governmental organization, structured as a non-profit foundation with provision to acquire the status of inter-governmental conference or treaty-based organization.

Main objectives of the Organization:

Its mission is to facilitate, promote and accelerate the ratification of a multinational, transconfessional and life-affirming treaty on Human BioEthics, with a special focus on pre-natal & cloning ethics. The HBTO also publishes educational material on bioethical issues, published an comprehensive database on bioethical legislation, and is the organizer of the 2005 Pan African Summit on Bioethics and Diplomacy.

Relationship with Intellectual Property matters:

The Organization's interest in WIPO activities lies exclusively in the field of intellectual property pertaining to bioethics, e.g. trade regulations and statistics pertaining to cloning technologies and solutions, abortion technologies and solutions and well as pharmaceutical products relevant to bioethical issues. It is also interested on how each countries legislation may affect trade regulations on substances linked to bioethical issues and procedures.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active:

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International Commission for the Rights of Aboriginal People (ICRA)

The International Commission for the Rights of Aboriginal People (ICRA) is a worldwide movement promoting solidarity with threatened peoples and ethnic groups. ICRA's vocation is to gather and disseminate information and personal testimony on the circumstances and current problems of ethnic minorities and aboriginal populations, to mobilize human rights, humanitarian, environmental protection and other such organizations, to alert public opinion, to launch awareness campaigns, to refer the most serious cases to international agencies, to set in place humanitarian, educational or cultural support programs and to contribute to the promotion and preservation of aboriginal culture and the fundamental rights of such peoples.

ICRA is composed of an international commission to investigate violations of the lawful rights of aboriginal peoples and minorities and three departments responsible, respectively, for information and awareness or lobbying campaigns, for the setting in place of self-sufficiency, development and educational assistance projects and for the promotion and preservation of aboriginal culture. One of ICRA's objectives is to provide a trustworthy source of information.

ICRA is a totally independent, non-political, non-denominational international Organization which operates through three departments. The three departments of ICRA are:

- (i) ICRA Information and Action - Communication by means of IKEWAN, the ICRA journal.
- (ii) AKASSA "Working together with forgotten peoples" - Introduction, together with local populations, on proposals from them alone and in coordination with them, of self-sufficiency assistance, educational or development programs.
- (iii) World Fund for the Safeguarding of Aboriginal Cultures - Discovery, recording, promotion and safeguarding of the aboriginal record and aboriginal culture.

ICRA is an international Organization with a network of local contacts (in some 60 countries on all five continents). It consists of statutory and benevolent members in five national sections (France, Canada, Belgium, Switzerland, Philippines), four regional groups (Paris, Lyons, Loire country, Limoges), eleven commissions and working groups (Karenni/Mlabri, Touareg, Indonesia, Tibet, Nagaland, Ladakh, Australian Aborigines, Vietnamese Moi people, Chile, Pygmies) and, one legal commission.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- to promote the rights of aboriginal peoples through action in the field;
- to disseminate information on the rights of aboriginal peoples;
- to collect funds for the preservation of the cultural heritage of communities of aboriginal people who appeal to ICRA; and,
- to report violations of the rights of aboriginal peoples throughout the world.

Relationship with IP matters:

The right of aboriginal peoples to intellectual property has been recognized as one of their fundamental rights. ICRA has been working for more than 20 years on preserving the cultural and intellectual heritage of the communities that it is called upon to assist.

ICRA considers it essential to create such legal protection as will preserve and protect the knowledge and folklore of traditional societies.

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Jigyansu Tribal Research Centre (JTRC)

Jigyansu Tribal Research Centre (JTRC) was established in 1979 and has since been working for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and economically weaker sections of the society. JTRC works in the interior tribal belts all over the country through its 11 state branches and about 30 project offices. JTRC conducts research projects, capacity building and training of field workers and sustainable development programs all over the country for tribal people. To keep strict and continued supervision for the smooth functioning of the projects and programs, three separate wings have been created at the central level, i.e. research, training and development. JTRC has worked with about 115 major tribes and 275 minor tribes in India and in South East Asian Countries. JTRC has served about 50 Lakh ST/SC people and about 400,000 children in remote areas through its research, training and development divisions.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

1. To undertake intensive welfare/development work among the tribal population through pilot projects and similar schemes.
2. To conduct research on tribal welfare and acculturation of Indian tribes in order to bring the tribal population into the periphery of national development.
3. To undertake projects on capacity building of tribal women and youth in income generating activities like agriculture, nutrition, dairy, fishery, poultry farming and empowerment activities like health and family planning, social justice and self governance in order to enable them to take their share in national development.
4. To co-operate with other national organizations working for tribal people with similar aims and objectives.
5. To vocalize problems, exploitations, needs and aspirations of tribal people so that state can ensure full constitutional protection for them.
6. To undertake publications like Research Reports, Project Reports and other publicity materials on tribal culture and welfare and conduct meetings, workshops, seminars etc. and sending representatives, delegations to such seminars and workshops in order to fulfil the above objectives.
7. To undertake intensive welfare work for rural women and children, backward classes, weaker sections, marginalized child workers, economically backward people and minorities in order to bring a balanced development amongst the tribal and non-tribal population.
8. To affiliate with any national and international organizations, working for similar objectives.
9. To organize national seminars, workshops and conferences on related themes in tribal development.
10. To work with the United Nations for global development of Indigenous People through efforts at peace, socio-economic empowerment and social justice.

Relationship with Intellectual Property matters:

- (i) Working with Indigenous People and IPR issues in India and South-East Asia;
- (ii) Organize conferences and seminars;
- (iii) Involved in indigenous medicine and folk arts;
- (iv) Working on customary law and traditional justice systems; and,
- (v) Publications on IPR in India amongst Tribals.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active:

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Sámikopiiija - The Saami Reproduction Rights OrganizationMain aims and objectives of the Organization:

Sámikopiiija is a Reproduction Rights Organisation (RRO) that represents Sami rightsholders in Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. The Organization was founded in 1992 as a special interest organisation for Sami rightsholders organizations. The member organizations are: the Sami Artists Association, the Sami Writers Association, the Sami Book and Newspaper Association, the Association for Sami Theatre, the Sami Non-fiction Writers and Translators Association, the Association of Sami Composers, and the Sami Journalists Association.

The Organization collects information and propose measures to promote the interests of the rightsholders, it co-ordinate the claims of member organizations, and negotiates and contract agreements on their behalf. The Organization enters into agreements with other administrative organizations to negotiate, contract agreements and collect remuneration on behalf of Sámikopiiija when this is expedient. It also administers and distributes remuneration and compensation for copying and other forms of secondary use of copies and copyrighted works, and exchange remuneration and compensation with bodies representing non-Sami rights holders.

Sámikopiiija has reached an agreement in Norway with the Norwegian Reproduction Rights Organisation, Kopinor. This agreement entails that remuneration for use of Sami copyrighted material in Norway be administered by Sámikopiiija, and be distributed by this organisation to Sami rights holders. The parties agree that 1% of the remuneration shall be paid to Sami rights holders. In 2003, the Sami remuneration pursuant to agreement totalled 1.65 MNOK. Sámikopiiija is negotiating with corresponding Reproduction Rights Organisations in Sweden and Finland, Bonus Presskopia and Kopiosto, respectively, with an aim to achieve a similar agreement as concerns Sweden and Finland as the organization has with Kopinor in Norway.

Sámikopiiija's steering bodies have also decided to work with the issue of "indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge related to copyright", and made this an independent project in its activities. The Nordic aspect also has this theme in mind based on the fact that the Sami language and cultural region is geographically located in Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia.

Sámikopiiija's guidelines state in the Chapter 1:

**“OBJECTS AND PURPOSE**

§ 1.1 Sámikopiiija is a professional body for organizations that represent Saami creators of copyrighted works which are subject to reprographic reproduction and other forms of secondary use. As such, Sámikopiiija is not for profit.

§ 1.2 Given its objects, Sámikopiiija's tasks are to:

1. Collect information and propose measures to promote the interests of rightsholders;
2. Co-ordinate the claims of member organizations, negotiate and contract agreements on their behalf;
3. Sign agreements with other RROs to negotiate and conclude agreements, and to claim remuneration on behalf of Sámikopiiija when this is expedient;

4. Manage and distribute remuneration and compensation for reprographic reproduction and other types of secondary uses of copyrighted works;
5. Exchange remuneration and compensation with bodies representing non-Saami rightsholders.”

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active:

Norway, Finland and Sweden, and partly in Russia

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