

**Agenda Item 9 (vi)****The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources,  
Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)****Doc. WO/GA/55/6**

Madam Chair,

1. On behalf of the EU and its Member States, let me first reiterate our commitment to engage constructively in the work of the IGC.
2. The last two sessions of the IGC on Genetic Resources were unfortunately not able to generate much progress towards a draft legal instrument on Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources. To recover momentum on this work strand, we supported the decision of the last IGC session to invite the new IGC Chair to revise the Chair's Text as contained in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/43/5, while maintaining its integrity as the Chair's Text, for IGC 47. We reiterate our view that the Chair's Text is cleaner and more focused, and its scope is better defined than the latest version of the Consolidated document emerging from IGC 42, and it would therefore constitute a better basis for further discussions. We are hopeful that virtual activities to be conducted in the current biennium to expedite work on Genetic Resources will contribute to fine-tuning the Chair's text.
3. Turning to the upcoming sessions of the IGC under its current mandate for 2022/2023 focused on Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Cultural Expressions, we endorse the recommendation of the last IGC session to welcome the IGC Chair conducting consultations with Member States and the Indigenous Caucus on the methodology to be used in future sessions. We are hopeful that consensual solutions can be found to duly prepare the next IGC session.
4. Madam Chair, the EU and its Member States stand ready to continue substantive work in the IGC as foreseen in its current mandate.

Thank you.