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ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROCESSES

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The themes being addressed by the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore are also the subject of discussion in intergovernmental organizations and processes concerning other policy areas, such as: biological diversity, including biotechnology; cultural heritage; the environment; food and agriculture; health; human rights, including Indigenous issues; and, trade and development. These discussions have also highlighted intellectual property issues relevant to their respective policy areas.

2. Given the interdisciplinary nature of the subject matter involved, the International Bureau has participated in and followed these other discussions, in order to provide, upon request, information on relevant intellectual property aspects or implications. In many cases, other intergovernmental organizations and processes have requested technical information and cooperation from WIPO.

3. The purpose of this document is to provide the Member States with information on the activities of the International Bureau in participating in or following these discussions taking place in other intergovernmental organizations. This document lists the main meetings of

ongoing processes that WIPO staff have participated in or followed since late 1997, when the Global Intellectual Property Issues Program was initiated.

II. LIST OF MEETINGS AND PROCESSES

Biological Diversity, including Biotechnology

▪ Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Bratislava, May 4 to 15, 1999)

Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nairobi, May 15 to 26, 2000)

▪ Meetings on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

Fourth Meeting of the Open-Ended *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Biosafety (Montreal, February 5 to 13, 1998)

▪ Panel of Experts on Access and Benefit-Sharing

First Meeting of the Panel of Experts on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing (San José, October 4 to 8, 1999)

Second Meeting of the Panel of Experts on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-Sharing (Montreal, March 19 to 22, 2001)

▪ Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions

Workshop on Traditional Knowledge and Biological Diversity (Madrid, November 24 to 28, 1997)

First Meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-Ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of Article (8)j and related Provisions (Seville, March 27 to 31, 2000)

▪ Other Intergovernmental Forums, Meetings and Processes

International Conference on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the Convention on Biological Diversity (African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) and UNEP) (Nairobi, February 6 and 7, 1999)

European Union meeting on the Patentability of Biotechnological Inventions (Brussels, October 13 and 14, 1999)

International Symposium on Ethics, Intellectual Property and Genomics (Paris, January 30 to February 1, 2001)

Cultural Heritage

- International Conference "Diversity as a Resource" (Rome, March 2 to 5, 1998)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Conference on Cultural Policies for Development (Stockholm, March 30 to April 2, 1998)
- UNESCO Workshop on Cultural Challenges of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (Paris, October 18 to 20, 1999)

Environment

- Twentieth Session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (Nairobi, February 1 to 5, 1999)
- First Meeting of the Environmental Management Group (EMG) (Geneva, January 22, 2001)

Food and Agriculture

- Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources

First Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, September 8 to 10, 1998)

Second Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, September 4 to 6, 2000)

- Revision of the International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources

Second Inter-sessional Meeting of the Contact Group of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, April 3 to 7, 2000)

Third Inter-sessional Meeting of the Contact Group of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Tehran, August 26 to 31, 2000)

Fourth Inter-sessional Meeting of the Contact Group on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Neuchatel, November 12 to 17, 2000)

Fifth Inter-sessional Meeting of the Contact Group on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, February 5 to 9, 2001)

- Other Meetings

Fifteenth Session of the Committee on Agriculture (Rome, January 25 to 29, 1999)

Health

- World Health Organization (WHO) Interagency Meeting on Health and Indigenous Peoples (Geneva, September 21, 1999)
- Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Meeting on the TRIPS Agreement and its Impact on Drug Supply (Jakarta, May 2 to 4, 2000)
- WHO Interregional Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights in the Context of Traditional Medicine (Bangkok, December 6 to 8, 2000)

Human Rights, including Indigenous Issues

- The United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations
 - Sixteenth Session (Geneva, July 27 to 31, 1998)
 - Seventeenth Session (Geneva, July 26 to 30, 1999)
 - Eighteenth Session (Geneva, July 24 to 28, 2000)
- Open-ended Working Group Established to Elaborate and Consider Further Proposals for the Possible Establishment of a Permanent Forum for Indigenous People (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)
 - First Session (Geneva, February 15 to 19, 1999)
 - Second Session (Geneva, February 14 to 23, 2000)
- Open-ended inter-sessional Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights on the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
 - Sixth Session (Geneva, November 20 to December 1, 2000)
- The United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
 - Eighteenth Session (Geneva, April 27 to May 15, 1998)
 - Nineteenth Session (Geneva, November 16 to December 4, 1998)
 - Twentieth Session (Geneva, April 26 to May 14, 1999)
 - Twenty-First Session (Geneva, November 15, 1999 to December 3, 1999)
 - Twenty-Second Session (Geneva, April 25 to May 12, 2000)
 - Twenty-Third Session (Geneva, August 14 to September 1, 2000)
 - Twenty-Fourth Session (Geneva, November 13 to December 1, 2000)
- Commission on Human Rights
 - Fifty-Fifth Session (Geneva, March 22 to April 30, 1999)
 - Fifty-Sixth Session (Geneva, March 20 to April 28, 2000)
- Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
 - Fifty-Second Session (Geneva, July 31 to August 18, 2000)

- Open-Ended Working Group on the Right to Development

First Session (Geneva, September 18 to 22, 2000)

Second Session (Geneva, January 29 to February 2, 2001)

- Other Meetings

WHO International Consultation on the Health of Indigenous Peoples (Geneva, November 23 to 26, 1999)

Seminar on the draft principles and guidelines for the protection of the heritage of indigenous people (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights) (Geneva, February 28 to March 1, 2000)

10th Anniversary Celebrations of the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON) (Moscow, May 12 to 14, 2000)

Trade and Development

- Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Sessions of the Committee on Trade and Environment:

Geneva, February 29 to March 1, 2000

Geneva, July 5 and 6, 2000

Geneva, October 24 and 25, 2000

Geneva, February 13 and 14, 2001

- Council on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights of WTO

Meetings of the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights:

Geneva, February 17, 1999

Geneva, April 27 and 28, 1999

Geneva, July 7 and 8, 1999

Geneva, October 20 to 22, 1999

Geneva, March 21 and 22, 2000

Geneva, June 26 to 30, 2000

Geneva, September 21 and 22, 2000

Geneva, November 27 to December 1, 2000

Geneva, April 2 to 6, 2001

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Conference on “Bio-partnership for Sustainable Development: Commercialization and the Bio-Industry Challenge” (Lyon, November 10 to 12, 1998)

Expert Meeting on Systems and National Experiences for Protecting Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices (October 30 to November 2, 2000)

Commission on Trade and in Goods and Services, and Commodities (Geneva, February 19 to 23, 2001)

General

- SPC/PIFS/UNESCO Workshop for Legal Experts on the Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Expressions of Culture (Noumea, February 26 to 28, 2001)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Consultation on The Human Development Report 2001 “Channeling Technology for Human Development.” Consultation meeting with UN agencies and organizations (Geneva, February 26, 2001)

4. The Committee is invited to take note of the information as contained in this document.

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