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## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE**

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ADDENDUM TO ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

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1. The Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/10/2, entitled “Accreditation of Certain Organizations”, lists a number of organizations which requested, before September 30, 2006, 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/10/2.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

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

Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO)

Indigenous ICT Task Force (IITF)

Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO)

Main objectives of the Organization:

Founded in 1972, IPO is a national, U.S.-based trade association for owners of patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets in all industries and fields of technology. IPO was established to broaden public understanding of intellectual property rights. Its membership currently includes more than 200 companies and a total of 9,000 individuals who are involved in the association either through their companies or as IPO inventor, author, executive, and law firm or attorney members. IPO corporate members file approximately 30 percent of the patent applications filed at the US Patent and Trademark Office by U.S. nationals.

Main activities of the Organization:

The IPO advocates effective and affordable IP ownership rights and provides a wide array of services to members. It concentrates on: supporting member's interests relating to legislative and international issues; analyzing current IP issues; providing information and educational services; and disseminating information to the general public on the importance of intellectual property rights.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

IPO seeks to represent the interests of intellectual property owners. In 2006, IPO formed a Genetic Resources & Traditional Knowledge Committee to specifically focus on developing IPO positions relating to the intersection of genetic resource and traditional knowledge issues and intellectual property law. The committee seeks to develop, on IPO's behalf, legal frameworks for access and benefit sharing that will lead to increased international conservation and to effective and equitable utilization of genetic resources and traditional knowledge.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

United States of America.

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Indigenous ICT Task Force (IITF)

Main objectives of the Organization:

The IITF is a non-profit organization of Indigenous Peoples. Its main purposes are:

- informing Indigenous Peoples about the WSIS process and its follow-up;
- active participation in the WSIS follow-up and implementation;
- promoting and entering into partnerships with Governments, UN agencies and NGOs to work on common projects related to the Information Society.

Main activities of the Organization:

The main activities of the IITF will consist of:

- Fundraising to host a Global Indigenous Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Forum no later than November 2007;
- Informing Indigenous Peoples on the WSIS process and its follow-up and ensuring a broad Indigenous involvement;
- Raising awareness among Indigenous Peoples about the challenges and opportunities posed by the evolving Information Society, particularly with a view to promoting cultural diversity, strengthening Indigenous cultures and identities and to issues related to unauthorized use, appropriation and exploitation of traditional knowledge;
- Developing an international Indigenous Portal;
- Elaborating a draft for a Tunis e-strategy to be discussed and adopted at the Global Indigenous ICT Forum;
- Finding possibilities for carrying out ICT capacity-building for Indigenous Peoples;
- Promoting the development of national and international partnerships;
- Promoting the establishment of working groups within the IITF to deal with issues related to the Information Society and ICT utilization.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

Cultural diversity in the Information Society, respect for and protection of traditional knowledge, the strengthening of Indigenous cultures and identities through ICTs and Indigenous connectivity should continue to be a focus for discussions.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active:

Arctic region, Central America, South America, North America, Pacific Region, Asia, Africa and Russia.

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