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

Tenth Session

Geneva, November 30 to December 8, 2006

VOLUNTARY FUND FOR ACCREDITED INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

**DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION
ADOPTED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD**

Information Note prepared by the Director General

1. The arrangements establishing the WIPO Voluntary Fund, as approved by the General Assembly, are contained in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6 (the Decision). Article 6(i) of the Decision states:

“The Advisory Board will adopt its recommendation before the end of the Committee session on the margins of which it meets. This recommendation will identify:

- (i) the future session intended for financial support (i.e., the subsequent session of the Committee),
- (ii) the applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for that session and for whom funds are available,
- (iii) any applicant or applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported in principle but for whom insufficient funds are available,

(iv) any applicant or applicants whose application has been rejected in accordance with the procedure in Article 10,

(v) any applicant or applicants whose application has been postponed until the next session of the Committee in accordance with the procedure in Article 10.

The Advisory Board will immediately forward the contents of the recommendation to the Director General who will take a decision in accordance with the recommendation. The Director General will inform the Committee immediately and, in any case, prior to the end of its current session, by means of an information note specifying the decision taken concerning each applicant.”

2. Accordingly, the Secretariat wishes to communicate the report and recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board at the conclusion of its meeting held on the margins of the ninth session of the Committee. This Report is attached at Annex.

3. The Committee is advised that in accordance with Article 6(d) of the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6 approved by the General Assembly (32nd session) establishing the WIPO Voluntary Fund, and in view of recommendations d(iv) and d(v) adopted by the Advisory Board, the Director General has adopted the decisions recommended by the Advisory Board.

4. In accordance with Article 6(d) and Article 5(a) of the Decision and in view of recommendations d(i) and d(iii) of the Advisory Board, the Director General will take the decision to fund those candidates who have been recommended in principle by the Advisory Board in accordance with Article 5(e) of the Decision, if and when sufficient funds are made available to the Fund, in time before the eleventh session of the Committee.

5. The Director General has taken due note of the remaining contents of the report of the Advisory Board.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND

ADVISORY BOARD

REPORT

(a) The Advisory Board of the WIPO Voluntary Fund, whose members were appointed by decision of the Committee on the second day of its tenth session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its second meeting from December 1 to December 5, 2006 under the chairmanship of Mr. Abdellah OUADRHIRI, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the tenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore.

(b) The members of the Advisory Board met in accordance with Article 7 of the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6.

(c) Recalling Article 5(a) of Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, the Advisory Board took note of the financial situation of the Fund as described in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/10/INF/6 dated November 23, 2006, which was distributed before the opening of the tenth session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 35,881.60 Swiss francs on November 23, 2006, and that 20,000 Euros and 5,000 United States dollars have been pledged to the Fund.

(d) Furthermore, the Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on consideration of the list of applicants as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/10/INF/6 and of the content of the applications of those applicants:

(i) future session intended for financial support in accordance with Article 5(e): eleventh session of the Intergovernmental Committee.

(ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for that session and for whom funds are available: none.

(iii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported in principle but for whom insufficient funds are currently available: (in alphabetical order)

Mrs. Mehnaz AJMAL

Mr. Estebancio CASTRO DIAZ

Mr. Peter Kiplangat CHERUIYOT

Mrs. Anastasia CHUKHMAN

Mrs. Marguerite MBOUSNOUM

Mr. Jebra Ram MUCHAHARY

Mr. Musa Usman NDAMBA

Mr. Honor TOUDISSA MALANDA

Mr. Maui SOLOMON

(iv) applicant whose application has been rejected:

Mr. Divine MUMA

(v) applicants whose application has been postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board until the eleventh session of the Committee:

Mrs. Neeti MAHANTI

Mr. Rodion SULYANDZIGA

Mrs. Talkalit WALET ABOUBACRINE

Mr. Greg YOUNGING

The content of the present report and the recommendations it contains were forwarded to the Director General of WIPO following its adoption by the members of the Advisory Board in accordance with Article 6(i) last paragraph of the Annex to document WIPO/GA/32/6.

Done in Geneva, December 5, 2006

The members of the Advisory Board:

Mr. Abdellah OUADRHIRI, Director General, Bureau marocain du droit d'auteur, Ministère de la Communication, Morocco, Chair of the Advisory Board, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio* [signed]

and in alphabetical order:

Mr. Gilles BARRIER, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of France, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Oscar ECHEVERRY VASQUEZ, Third Secretary, Ministry of External Relations, Bogota, Colombia [signed]

Mrs. Debra HARRY, representative of the Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism [signed]

Ms. Jean W. KIMANI, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Kenya, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Yazdan NADALIZADEH, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Johnson OLE KAUNGA, representative of the Massai Cultural Heritage [signed]

Mrs. Larisa SIMONOVA, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (ROSPATENT), Russian Federation [signed]

Mr. Stuart WUTTKE, representative of the Assembly of First Nations [signed]

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