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NOTE FROM THE CHAIR ON CONSULTATIONS HELD SINCE THE THIRTEENTH
SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

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1. Following the thirteenth session of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”), the Chair of the Committee, His Excellency Ambassador Rigoberto Gauto Vielman, has undertaken informal consultations with Committee participants.
2. At a meeting of representatives of the regional groups, convened by the WIPO Secretariat and held on June 17, 2009 at WIPO Headquarters, the representatives invited the Chair of the Committee to provide the Committee with an information note which documents the issues and options which had arisen in the consultations he had held to date.
3. In response to this invitation, on June 18, 2009, the WIPO Secretariat received the note annexed to this document from the Chair. At the request of the Chair, the Secretariat hereby communicates the note to the Committee.
4. *The Committee is invited to take note of the content of the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

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Note from His Excellency Ambassador Rigoberto Gauto Vielman, Chair of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”)

June 18, 2009

1. Since the thirteenth session of the Committee, I have held informal consultations with the African Group (twice), the Asia and the Pacific Group, the Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Group, the Central European and Baltic States Group, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) and Group B. I have also spoken informally with representatives of China and with a few other individual delegations when the opportunity arose to do so.
2. The following issues and options have arisen in the various consultations I have held to date. They are not listed in any order of priority and are not intended to embody any comment or interpretation on my part. There may also be other issue and options relevant to the work of the Committee:
 - (a) How best to make progress on the substance of all three themes of the Committee’s work, taking into account the various materials already before the Committee;
 - (b) The procedure to be adopted by the Committee in order to advance its work, including whether the Committee should establish an inter-sessional process, taking into account in particular the proposal in this regard made by the African Group at the thirteenth session of the Committee (document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/13/10);
 - (c) Options for shorter, medium and longer-term outcomes of the Committee’s work, taking into account the options set out in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/14/6 (“Summary of Options for the International Dimension of the Committee’s Work”) and in previous versions of this same document. It is recalled that these options are: (i) a binding international instrument or instruments; (ii) authoritative or persuasive interpretations or elaborations of existing legal instruments; (iii) a non-binding normative international instrument or instruments; (iv) a high-level political resolution, declaration or decision; (v) strengthened international coordination through guidelines or model laws; and, (vi) coordination of national legislative developments;
 - (d) The relationship between the IGC and the broader normative program at WIPO and developments in other forums;
 - (e) Expectations for the 14th session of the Committee, including the Agenda and program of work for the session;
 - (f) The possible renewal of the mandate of the Committee by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2009 and the terms thereof.

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3. I have indicated to Committee participants that I am available to conduct further consultations at any time and/or facilitate any consultations they may wish to have among themselves, should they so wish.

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