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

Sixteenth Session  
Geneva, May 3 to 7, 2010

### ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

*Document prepared by the Secretariat*

1. The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”), at its first session, held in Geneva, from April 30 to May 3, 2001, approved certain organizational and procedural matters, including according *ad hoc* observer status to a number of organizations that had expressed their wish to have a role in the work of the Committee (see the Report adopted by the Committee, WIPO/GRKTF/IC/1/13, paragraph 18).
2. Since then, an additional number of organizations have expressed to the Secretariat their wish to obtain the same status for the subsequent sessions of the Committee. A document containing the names and other biographical details of the organizations which, before March 3, 2010, requested accreditation at the sixteenth session of the Committee is annexed to this document. Applicants were invited to complete an application form and the biographical details of the organizations contained in the Annex are set out exactly as received from each organization.
3. *The Committee is invited to approve the accreditation of the organizations referred to in the Annex to this document as ad hoc observers.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

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

*Association des Etudiants et Chercheurs sur la Gouvernance des Etats insulaires (AECG)*

Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation

*Confederación de Nacionalidades Indígenas (CONAIP)*

*Cooperativa Ecológica de las Mujeres Colectoras de la Isla de Marajó (CEMEM)*

Ethnic Community Development Organization (ECDO)

*Kus Kura el León Sociedad Civil*

National Education Social and Traditional Knowledge (NEST) Foundation

National Indigenous TV Ltd. (NITV)

*Organisation d'appui aux organisations communautaires de base "Arc-En-Ciel"*

United Nations of Indians

Association des Etudiants et Chercheurs sur la Gouvernance des Etats insulaires (AECG)  
(Association of Students and Researchers on the Governance of Island States)

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Re: Request for accreditation as an observer in future sessions of the WIPO  
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Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Jean Pipite, President of AECG

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to the  
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Traditional Knowledge and Folklore<sup>1,2</sup>

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Association des étudiants et chercheurs sur la gouvernance des états insulaires (AECG)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The association was founded in 2008 with the aim of providing assistance to researchers in various cultural domains. Its headquarters are in New Caledonia and it is registered under No 887885.001. Its members work together with various authorities involved in drafting the national bill on traditional knowledge and implementing the law on the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Carry out comparative studies on cultural policies of the island countries of Oceania (protection of language, protection of rights of indigenous peoples);
- Provide assistance to the Steering Committee on Traditional Knowledge of New Caledonia;
- Participate in drafting the New Caledonian Law on Traditional Knowledge.

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Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

Among its activities in 2009 was a week-long mission in Vanuatu as part of workshops on good governance. It also helped to run three workshops in New Caledonia on the method of collecting traditional knowledge from tribes, intellectual property law and an introduction to the law protecting cultural property. It also attended a colloquium on the rights of indigenous peoples organized by the University of New Caledonia on its campus in October 2009.

Relationship of the Organization with intellectual property matters, including a full explanation of why you are interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee  
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All the South Pacific countries have now adopted the bill on the protection of traditional knowledge except for New Caledonia. The French Intellectual Property Code applicable in New Caledonia does not cover tribal knowledge which is collective property and whose authors are generally not known. This situation does not prevent knowledge in the field of singing and farming techniques from being exploited, or respect biodiversity and lifestyles. Despite the implementation of the Rio Convention and also other UNESCO texts, the absence of a Caledonian law on the ownership of traditional knowledge means there is still considerable work to be done. This is why we have contacted a number of organizations to help us with our program.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

New Caledonia

Additional Information:

Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

Through the work of its members the association is committed to a research program on suitable tools to protect traditional knowledge and offer advice to the relevant authorities. As the President, I am often asked by the New Caledonian government and museums to participate in work on the collection of oral memory. I am a lawyer and have a PhD in Political Sciences from the Sorbonne. My other colleagues are specialized in agronomy, sociology, ethnology and communication. It is much easier for us to come into contact with tribes and clans because we know the context well. We also work closely with the institutions of New Caledonia, the Pacific Islands Forum and Vanuatu.

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Jean PIPITE, President of AECG

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Full name of the Organization:

Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation (ALC) is a non-profit organization based on the principles of voluntarism and equality of the rights of members. ALC is created by the famous lawyers and law related NGOs. ALC had been officially registered by the Ministry of Justice of Azerbaijan Republic on December 16, 2007.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

The main aim of the Confederation is to learn, to analyze and give recommendation for the legal regulation of the public processes going on in the country, to support collaboration between lawyers, to maintain the sustainable international relations, development of the democratic values, to participate in protection human rights and freedoms, rule of law and to promote legal awareness raising of population in this sphere.

The Confederation implements the following activities in order to achieve the above-mentioned objectives:

- Scientific researches, recommendations, course and seminars, round tables and meetings, exhibitions, conferences, charitable actions, forums and other events;
- Freely disseminate information about its aims and activities, establishes Mass-Media, internet websites and other measure in accordance with legislation;
- Closely cooperate with the relevant state bodies and local governance;
- Closely cooperates with local and foreign NGOs dealing with legal and human rights issues;
- Founding different types of awards, diplomas for the lawyers in accordance to its aims; and

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- Implements the other activities which are not prohibited by the legislation of Azerbaijan Republic.

The following objectives are implementing in order to achieve the above-mentioned aims:

- To support involvement of lawyers to the process of the legal reforms in the country;
- To promote Azerbaijani legislation and scientific achievements abroad;
- To learn the legislative experience of foreign countries;
- To prepare recommendation on the improvement of domestic legislation;
- To analyze the domestic legislation on compliance to the international acts;
- Public-legal expertise of the laws, normative acts and other legal documents and to prepare the recommendations;
- To assist in improvement of legal professionalism and prepare the effective working methods and guidelines for lawyers;
- To promote the modern information and communication technologies;
- To promote the modern information and communication technologies in legal sphere;
- Experience exchange and getting recommendations on disputed legal issues;
- To study the modern approaches to the fundamental principles of law and methods; and
- To coordinate the international relations of lawyers.

Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

*Membership at International Bar Association*

In October 2009, the Annual Congress of the International Bar Association conducted in Madrid. During the event, Azerbaijani Lawyers Confederation was membership by the unanimity votes of the IBA Council.

*Compilation of the Decisions of the European Court of Human Rights*

With the financial support from the Council of the State Support to NGOs under the President of Azerbaijan Republic, ALC published the Compilation of the Decisions of the European Court of Human Rights in Azerbaijani language, with the circulation of 1500 units.

*Publication of the book "Citizenship and Statelessness: Guidebook for Parliamentarians"*

ALC and UNHCR jointly published the book "Citizenship and Statelessness: Guidebook for Parliamentarians" in Azerbaijani language with the circulation of 500 units. This book will be presented to the Parliament and distributed among MPs and experts in 2009 and will be placed at the official *.ahk.az*.

*Training for judges on freedom of speech*

The Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation, Legal-Judiciary Council of Azerbaijan Republic and ABACEELI jointly conducted training for 25 judges on freedom of expression. The Chairman of ALC Mr. Ali Huseynov and the head of ABACEELI office in Baku Mr. David Rubino had opening speeches. After that the expert on freedom of expression Mr. Antony Vinter had a presentation on the topic with the following discussions.

*Memory book for the law enforcement bodies on human rights*

With the assistance from the State NGO Support Council under the President of Azerbaijan Republic, ALC has published a book for the law enforcement bodies on human rights with the circulation of 1000 units. The foreword for the book had been written by the Head of the Department on work with Law Enforcement Bodies of the Presidential Administration – Mr. Fuad Aleskerov. The editor of the book is the chairman of ALC Mr. Ali Huseynov and the responsible for printing is Mr. Nadir Adilov – Secretary General of ALC.

*Working book of the Judges on human rights*

With the assistance from the State NGO Support Council under the President of Azerbaijan Republic, ALC has published a book for the judges on human rights with the circulation of 1000 units. The book had been written by the expertise support of the Legal Judiciary Council. The editors of the book are the Head of the Secretariat of the Legal Judicial Council Mr. David Huseynov, the chairman of ALC Mr. Ali Huseynov and Mr. Nadir Adilov – Secretary General of ALC.

*Conference on Implementation of the Case Law of European Court of Human Rights in Azerbaijan*

The conference at Hyatt Regency hotel by ALC has been conducted on May 2009 and devoted to the issue of the current situation on implementation of the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights in Azerbaijan.

*Conference “The role of reforms carried out in Azerbaijani law-enforcement bodies and armed forces in Euro-Atlantic integration”*

A two-day conference “The role of reforms carried out in Azerbaijani law-enforcement bodies and armed forces in Euro-Atlantic integration” had been conducted in Baku, in June 16-17, 2009. The conference was organized by Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation and Eurasia Lawyers Association with supported of NATO and Turkish embassy in Azerbaijan.

*“Your advocate” TV program*

According to a contract signed between ALC and GTZ the series of the TV program “Your advocate” is currently running at the Public TV. The coordinator of the project is the director of the Baku Law Centre, Mr. Anar Bagirov. 32 programs were issued till today which are devoted to the different issues of the legal reforms in Azerbaijan.

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The Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation has been involved to the process of the development of the legal environment of Azerbaijan regarding the intellectual property rights. ALC has mainly 2 directions of activities in this regard. The 1<sup>st</sup> direction is the development of the legislation of Azerbaijan on intellectual property rights. Within the framework of the development of legislation, ALC legal experts, members of Board took part at the discussions of the draft law as well as gave their recommendations on improvement of the laws on intellectual property rights. For this purpose ALC cooperates with the Milli Medjlis (Parliament) of the Azerbaijan Republic. The 2<sup>nd</sup> direction is the training activities. Within the framework of the training activities, ALC is closely cooperates with the Copyright Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic on conducting trainings on copyrights and intellectual property rights to young lawyers of Azerbaijan.

Taking into consideration all above mentioned facts, I'm very keen to represent my organization at the WIPO event in Geneva. The main purpose of my interest is to build links with WIPO and its members for the future information and experience sharing on intellectual property rights, as well as to learn modern tendencies of the development of this sphere with the follow-up process of the improvement of the works related to this sphere in Azerbaijan in a more professional way and assist the national agency on these issues.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Azerbaijan Republic.

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Nadir Adilov, Secretary General of the Azerbaijan Lawyers Confederation

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[signed]

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Full name of the Organization:

Confederación de Nacionalidades Indígenas (CONAIP)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

- Save national identity by promoting Andean values and culture with entities at the national level;
- Bring a renewed appreciation of ancestral Andean culture;
- Study and research the Andean world view; and
- Reform the State by pursuing sovereignty of land and life.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Promote knowledge of Andean culture;
- Revive the Andean world view acquired through knowledge of the holistic use of plants and fruits; and
- Increase GDP of peoples living along the Inca Trail and the *Ruta de la Sabiduria* (Road of Wisdom) by promoting rural tourist centers.

Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Organize conferences in which people of different nationalities of the country participate and which are multicultural and multiethnic in nature, thus strengthening interculturalism and the rights of indigenous peoples;
- Revive Andean knowledge given that it uses many different types of medicinal plants and that the country has 82 ecological sites out of 115 in the world; and
- Repair and preserve the Capac Ñhan, also known as the *Ruta de la Sabiduria*.

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- It is of utmost importance for alternative medicine to be covered by intellectual property rights given that it represents the biodiversity of an extremely rich country and that the issue has still not been suitably addressed.
- It is extremely important to protect alpaca fiber in terms of its quality, origin, etc. because it is one of the finest fibers, conical and seven times the length of sheep fiber.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

Andean culture is especially environmentally friendly and reviving it should be a priority. The Andean and Amazonian peoples are at one with nature and their culture must be spread across the world for its preservation.

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Full name of the Organization:

Cooperativa Ecológica de las Mujeres Colectoras de la Isla de Marajó (CEMEM)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

La Cooperativa Ecológica de las Mujeres Colectoras de la Isla de Marajó (CEMEM), Pará, Brazil, has more than 200 women who use biodiverse products from Marajó, including vegetable oils, medicinal plants and *açai*, on a daily basis and who strive for the protection of traditional knowledge, conservation of biodiversity and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits which result from the use of genetic heritage and natural resources.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Protection of traditional knowledge;
- Access to and sharing of benefits by local communities; and
- Jobs for local communities through public policies.

Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Extraction of vegetable oils;
- Extraction of medicinal plants;
- Extraction of fruits such as “*açaí*”; and
- Production of hand-made soap.

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La Cooperativa Ecológica de las Mujeres Colectoras de la Isla de Marajó (CEMEM), mainly works on the protection of traditional knowledge as well as towards fair and equitable benefit-sharing using the Convention on Biological Diversity. Intellectual property is very important for our cooperative because we are also holders, as local communities, of this property. Naturally we must defend and protect this property, which is why we are requesting accreditation from WIPO so that the rules that are established for countries are also respected.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Brazil

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

We are setting up a small environmentally friendly factory in our community and this means traditional knowledge will spread. Furthermore, this will have a very positive impact on the community because it will be fully involved in this process.

Full contact details of the Organization:

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Full name of the Organization:

Ethnic Community Development Organization (ECDO)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Ethnic Community Development Organization (ECDO) is a non-government and non profit voluntary development organization working especially for the development of different Ethnic Communities, as well as majority groups in Sylhet region, north-eastern part Bangladesh. It was established in 2002 by some like-minded individuals from different Ethnic Communities. The organization's aim is to ensure the realization of equality, empowerment and the elimination of discrimination of indigenous peoples.

Organization Mission and Vision:

ECDO's mission is to assist indigenous communities in working for a positive and sustainable change for those deprived of rights and opportunities by implementing both service delivery and rights based approaches. ECDO implements its activities in a fully participatory and bottom-up approach with an emphasis on empowerment from within indigenous communities.

ECDO envisages a society where empowered, educated, aware and culturally diverse Indigenous groups are able to ensure their own human development free from discrimination, poverty and exploitation.

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Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- To assist indigenous peoples for enjoying their social & political rights;
- To encourage the indigenous groups for practice and preserve their language, culture and in heritage;
- Indigenous related research and publication;
- Working for the economic empowerment of indigenous community; and
- To ensure education for every indigenous children.

Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- To organize human rights training for indigenous peoples;
- Advocacy for bi-lingual education for indigenous children;
- To organize training on land rights and documentation; and
- Publishing journal and research works on indigenous issues.

Relationship of the Organization with intellectual property matters, including a full explanation of why you are interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee  
(Maximum 150 words)

Ethnic Community Development Organization (ECDO) is an indigenous peoples' organization working for the development of indigenous groups in Sylhet region Bangladesh since 2003. By working with different indigenous groups we knew that there are lots of intellectual knowledge's are practicing among the indigenous societies which are very much scientific and reasonable. But due to lack of proper presentation it is not acceptable by our modern society. They are using their intellectual knowledge especially in the field of treatment process and in the different activities in their daily life. So I want to share this intellectual knowledge with the participants to attract attention for preserving these invaluable intellectual properties of indigenous groups.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Bangladesh.

Additional Information:

Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

Myself, as an indigenous person I think we should preserve our ancestral intellectual traditional knowledge. I have a plan to research on this intellectual traditional knowledge for proper documentation of this property. I expect if I get the opportunity to attend in the meeting then I will get to interact with many resource persons relating to this field. And I will benefit from them to explore my future plan.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Kus Kura el León Sociedad Civil

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Vision:

To be a leader in the improvement of the quality of life of Indigenous Peoples in the Latin American region.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

Mission:

To contribute to indigenous peoples' sustainable development with identity in Costa Rica and Central America, through educational, organizational and productive programs and projects with a focus in the empowerment of indigenous children and youth.

To honor the credibility that characterizes the organization, working according to the values of indigenous peoples with transparency and supported by a team with experience, conviction and commitment, using resources and technologies in a proper and efficient manner.

Kus Kura el León Sociedad Civil is a non-profit indigenous organization, registered under the law of associations of Costa Rica.

Since 2002, when the organization was created, Kus Kura S.C. has carried out extensive work on different areas that have been considered a priority for the promotion of the sustainable development of indigenous peoples.

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Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

The organization works on the following thematic areas:

- Indigenous peoples' rights. Socialization and implementation strategies have been carried out for the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, *ILO Convention 169* and other international human rights instruments;
- Indigenous children. Special attention has been given to children being the most vulnerable sector of indigenous peoples worldwide. Activities comprise workshops, gatherings and participation in different fora such as UNEP's TUNZA Strategy for youth and children;
- Indigenous youth. Regional strategies in Central America have been made with indigenous youth, reaching over 400 young indigenous persons in 4 countries in the region. The focus is on the empowerment of this generation and their engagement in discussions and decision making processes;
- Environmental issues. Socialization and follow-up of the Convention on Biological Diversity has been a priority. The engagement of indigenous youth and children in the conservation of biological diversity has been a priority for the organization; and
- Culture, identity and spirituality. The organization promotes the strengthening, through different activities, of the culture, identity and spirituality of indigenous youth and children.

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The organization has covered different elements that relate to intellectual property matters within the following thematic areas:

- Environmental issues, specifically on the Convention on Biological Diversity, the organization has worked on Access and Benefit Sharing. For this matter, a seminar has been carried out for clarifying the understanding of the right to *Free, Prior and Informed Consent* discussed in the national and international legal framework for ABS; and
- Culture, identity and spirituality: issues related to traditional knowledge and folklore have been covered in the activities related to culture, identity and spirituality.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Costa Rica.



Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

In Costa Rica, there has been very little participation of indigenous organizations on issues related to traditional knowledge and access and benefit sharing. Following these issues on the CBD, we feel a great commitment to socialize these issues especially with indigenous youth and children and to be able to bring indigenous peoples' views during these discussions at the WIPO.

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[signed]

Mr. Siddhartha Priya Ashok, Secretary

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Full name of the Organization:

National Educational Social and Traditional Knowledge (NEST) Foundation

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The National Educational Social and Traditional Knowledge (NEST) Foundation is a registered NGO under Indian Trust Act, 1882, Government of India. Its registration no. is 5504. The Foundation carries out its activities in India at national level but preference is given to North East Region of India. North East region of India comprises 8 states i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim.

The registered office is in New Delhi and its administrative office is in Sivasagar, Assam, India.

The National Educational Social and Traditional Knowledge (NEST) Foundation works in the area of education, social, intellectual property rights and traditional knowledge for poor, needy, underprivileged and downtrodden people of India.

The slogan of National Educational Social and Traditional Knowledge Foundation is “HELP US TO HELP YOU”.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- To educate, create awareness in the people of India about the issues, rights and duties related with intellectual property as Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, Geographical Indications, Trade Secrets and others and also to protect and promote Intellectual Property Rights through Audio,-Visual Media, Print and electronic media and through various other forms like art, paintings, crafts, etc;
- To protect, preserve and promote the traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions, traditional folklore and indigenous knowledge of the people of India;

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- To safeguard the interest, rights and benefits of the holders of the traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions, traditional folklore and indigenous knowledge;
- To protect, preserve and promote the traditional handicrafts, traditional handlooms, traditional paintings, traditional art, traditional food, beverages and other things related with indigenous and traditional knowledge of the people of India;
- To protect, preserve flora, fauna, biodiversity and wild life and to educate, to create awareness about the issues related with them through Mass Media and other activities;
- To undertake, organize, conduct and facilitate Courses, Conference, Lecture, Research and Education on various aspects of science and technology, intellectual property rights, traditional knowledge, social and human rights issues, trust and other fields; and
- To establish residential and non-residential cultural centers for promotion of Creative Writing, Music, Dance, Arts, Paintings and other Creative Activities.

Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Creating awareness among students of schools and colleges about intellectual property rights and traditional knowledge;
- Keeping biodiversity and traditional knowledge registers;
- Applying for geographical indications for the protection of traditional knowledge; and
- Conducting seminars and workshops on intellectual property rights and traditional knowledge and also participating in seminars and workshop on intellectual property rights and traditional knowledge.

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The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore of WIPO is doing a great job in the field of – (a) The protection of traditional knowledge (b) The protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions/Expressions of Folklore (c) Genetic Resources and related fields. National Educational Social and Traditional Knowledge (NEST) Foundation wants to participate in IGC meetings of WIPO to learn and follow international laws, mechanisms and developments in the fields of traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions/folklore, genetic resources and related fields. NEST Foundation will apply the information and knowledge gained from IGC meetings of WIPO in carrying out activities of NEST Foundation. NEST Foundation will also share the information, knowledge and field experiences with IGC of WIPO and thus will benefit IGC of WIPO in particular and humanity in general by adding knowledge in the existing knowledge on IPR and TK. NEST Foundation is presently focusing the Mising Tribe, Deori Tribe, Boro Tribe and Rabha Tribe of Assam. These tribes are very rich in culture and traditional knowledge, but they have very less knowledge and information on IPR and TK, they will be greatly benefited from the participation in IGC meetings of WIPO.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

India.

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

The National Educational Social and Traditional Knowledge (NEST) Foundation puts the following points for your kind consideration: (I) I am Secretary of NEST Foundation. I have formal and higher education in the field of intellectual property rights and presently, I am pursuing Ph.D.(Law). My area of study of Ph.D. is related with patenting of traditional knowledge. I have passed B.Tech. (Mechanical Engineering), M.A. (Journalism & Mass Communication), LL.B. with optional subject "Intellectual Property Law", LL.M. (Intellectual Property Law and Information Technology) and also General Course on Intellectual Property Rights (DL-101) from WIPO. As I earlier told, now I am pursuing Ph.D. which is related with patenting of traditional knowledge. (II) NEST Foundation has a group of botanists, biologists, traditional knowledge holders, practitioners on traditional knowledge-based medicines, farmers, researchers and students in its IPR-TK Division. (III) North East region of India is one of the hottest spot in the field of biodiversity not only in India but in the world also. NEST Foundation is focusing on North East region of India and in North East. NEST Foundation is presently focusing on Missing Tribe, Deori Tribe, Boro Tribe and Rabha Tribe of Assam and their culture and traditional knowledge.

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Patricia Adjei, Solicitor

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Full name of the Organization:

National Indigenous TV Ltd. (NITV)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Australia's only 24-hour indigenous television service. NITV provides indigenous content across Australia on free to air channels and pay TV stations.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- provide indigenous content on a television service for all Australians;
- respect and maintain indigenous culture through programming that follows indigenous protocols and community norms; and
- mentor and develop the indigenous media sector.

Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- to carry on the business of developing and producing television content that informs, entertains and educates indigenous and non-indigenous people; and
- to commission quality programming content throughout Australia particularly from indigenous producers and indigenous media organizations.

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NITV aims to promote knowledge and understanding by the Australian community about indigenous culture and tradition. NITV also aims to prevent cultural disintegration within indigenous society by commissioning programs in indigenous language with emphasis on indigenous traditional culture and music. It is important to NITV that indigenous cultural IP is respected and fully protected by intellectual property laws in Australia and at an international level.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Australia.

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

NITV has been running since 2007 and is an important factor to the Australian media sector. NITV adopts and promotes indigenous protocols within our television practices and all protection contracts incorporate indigenous cultural IP clauses and protocols. It is important for NITV to show other television stations how to be respectful of ICIP and incorporate those clauses and protocols into their own practices and contracts.

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Arc-En-Ciel (Rainbow), organization supporting community-based organizations

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Moussa Kossomi, President

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Full name of the Organization:

NGO “Arc-En-Ciel” (organization supporting community-based organizations)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

Our NGO was founded under Order No. 105 /MI/D/DGAPJ/DLP of April 8, 2005. Its headquarters are in the urban commune of Agadez. Our NGO has 87 active members, including 59 women and 28 men. Its main events are:

- the General Assembly,
- Executive Board meetings; and
- General Assemblies of the Representations.

The Bureau of the Executive Board is made up of 11 members. General Assemblies are held every two years in a regular session or a special session upon request of its President or 2/3 of its members in a specific agenda item.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Promote human rights and the rights of indigenous peoples and democracy;
- Combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria; and
- Promote responsible behavior vis-à-vis climate change.

Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Guarantee nutrition monitoring of children under the age of five and pregnant women in the Agadez region with financial assistance from UNICEF Agadez;
- Set up and support community-based organizations in nomad communities with technical and financial assistance from the German Development Service (DED) as part of the implementation of its PPOL/DED program;

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- Protect and replant doum palm trees in the valley of the Agadez region with financing from BREAD FOR THE WORLD (Germany);
- Help and assist people living with HIV/AIDS in the Agadez region with financing from the HIV Collaborative Fund and technical support from WATAG;
- Raise awareness of tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and malaria in the Agadez region with financing from the World Bank through various country programs (PNLS, PNLN, PNLT) ;
- Set up health insurance schemes in areas where Toubou nomadic groups live;
- Provide information and raise awareness about health and sexual rights of young people in the Bilma department with financing from UNFPA/Agadez; and
- Raise awareness of the dangers and harmful effects of illegal immigration.

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Our organization seeks to promote the rights of the Toubou indigenous people. It protects and promotes the social, cultural and artistic values of this people who live in the Niger SAHARA. We support holding art exhibitions and fairs to bring Toubou culture to the rest of the world; we believe there is a close link between our organization and intellectual property issues. Our participation in the Committee's activities as an observer will allow us to get a better understanding of the issues related to intellectual property. This would enable us to protect our community's works and other cultural heritage effectively.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Republic of Niger

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

Conservative and wary of change to its social and cultural values, its identity as it were, the Toubou indigenous community (around 350,000 people) has limited contact with tourists and other visitors.

Despite the Niger Ténéré and the White Desert of TAL being the Toubou's natural home, it is rare to find a Toubou tour guide or driver. And yet, thousands of trips are organized every year to see these marvels by neighboring communities.

This explains why several of our tourist attractions are spoiled and over-exploited. Often the prehistoric remains (the Djado citadel, the cave paintings of Blaga on the Djabo plateaus) of the area, which is only inhabited by the Toubou nomads, are presented differently by tour guides who seek to promote their ethnic group.

Moreover, artistic works such as the cross of Kawar, made of hewn stone and used as ornaments by the Toubou women, or *Guesibida* bracelets are reproduced and sold on the

global market without Toubou craftsmen knowing. Finally, there are also thousands of images (photos) of Toubou women and children on the market.

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Full name of the Organization:

United Nations of Indians

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

An indigenous organization that is in human rights, health, disaster relief, humanitarian aid, community services. We have doctors, nurses, ambulance, lawyers, EMS, rescue, vision 20/20 program, starting tech-VIP, ISDR/DRR, etc.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Human Rights;
- Health;
- Legal services;
- Promoting the United Nations, its organs, EU;
- Community services;
- Advance indigenous peoples; and
- To be part of WIPO to protect our culture.

Main activities of the Organization: (Please use a bulleted list)

- Improve indigenous life through Human Rights;
- Health programs, eye programs, private clinics, med. asst. by discounts;
- Legal asst. Pro bono services; and
- Community services. Ambulance, rescue, etc.

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I am on your mailing list. It is of interest to us because discussions you have there affect us. We would like to be there and be heard. Not to have our voice heard is the same as having no voice at all. And your discussions have an impact on us anyway you look at it. So allow us to have our Article 27, 22, 17 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be heard and to have the freedom to decide our own standards and worth of our property, intellectual property is the brainchild of each of us and should be respected and not robbed or stolen by the rich or advantaged from the poor. Thank you.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

United States of America/Mexico.

Additional Information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words)

There are many indigenous people who could gain by this protection but are unaware of WIPO's existence. I could reach them and promote WIPO as well. By adding us to you, you can reach more people and help more people as well. Please include us in your work!

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