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

Sixteenth Session
May 3 to 7, 2010, Geneva

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 of 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 sixteenth session of the Committee. This Report is attached in the 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(i), d(ii), d(iii) and d(iv) adopted by the Advisory Board, the Director General has adopted the decisions recommended by the Advisory Board.

4. The Director General will invite all funded participants in the future to submit a brief and structured report about their own participation in the meeting for which they have been funded in accordance with the proposal made by the Advisory Board in paragraph (e) of its report. Such report will be annexed to their application for due consideration by the Advisory Board, should those funded applicants decide to reapply for funding.

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 Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore during its sixteenth session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its eighth meeting from May 4 to 6, 2010 under the chairmanship of Mr. Vladimir YOSSIFOV, member ex officio, on the margins of the sixteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee.

(b) The members of the Advisory Board met in accordance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6. Ms. Polina SHULBAEVA, appointed member of the Advisory Board, did not participate in the deliberations and abstained from voting on the application for support by the Fund submitted by Mr. Rodion SULYANDZIGA, in accordance with Article 11 of the said Annex.

(c) Recalling Article 5(a) of the 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/16/INF/4 dated March 20, 2010, which was distributed before the opening of the sixteenth session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 123,767.05 Swiss francs on March 15, 2010.

(d) Furthermore, the Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on consideration of the list of thirty three applicants as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/16/INF/4 as well as of the content of the applications of those applicants, and in accordance with Article 6 (i) of the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6:

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

(ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for that session and for whom funds are available: (twelve applicants, in alphabetical order)

Mr. Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ ILAGO
Mr. Albert DETERVILLE
Mrs. Lucia Fernanda INÁCIO BELFORT
Mrs. Christina Saiti LOUWA
Mrs. Verna MILLER
Mr. Musa Usman NDAMBA
Mrs. Dora OGBOI
Mr. Maui SOLOMON
Mr. Ngwang SONAM SHERPA
Mr. Rodion SULYANDZIGA
Mrs. Tarcila RIVERA ZEA
Mr. Honor TOUDISSA MALANDA NGUE
(iii) applicants whose applications have been rejected: (in alphabetical order)

Mrs. Bouba AIESATU
Mrs. Ali Ali SHATU
Mr. Armenag APRAHAMIAN
Mr. Phillip BIRD
Mr. Peter KIPLANGAT CHERUIYOT
Mrs. Irene LESHORE
Mr. Jafarou MALAM KOSSAO
Mr. Joseph OLESARIOYO
Mr. Edwin VASQUEZ CAMPOS

(iv) applicants whose applications have been postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board until the seventeenth session of the Committee: (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Babagana ABUBAKAR
Mrs. Elida Cristina AJSA CHICOL
Mr. Roger ALAR CON LIMACHE
Mr. Ani CASIMIR CHUKWUNONYELUM KINGSTON
Mr. Diego Ivan ESCOBAR GUZMAN
Mr. Juan Carlos JINTIACH ARCOS
Mr. Arnold Christopher LAISSER
Mrs. Jane Naini MERIWAS
Mr. Jebra Ram MUCHAHARY
Mrs. Cecilia NDIFON
Mr. Joseph OGIERIAKHI
Ms. Fawsia YOUSIF GALALELDIN

(e) The Advisory Board wishes also to propose to the WIPO Director General that he considers the possibility to invite all funded participants to submit a structured and brief report about their own participation in the meeting for which they have been funded. Such report may be annexed to their application for due consideration by the Advisory Board, should those funded participants decide to reapply for funding.

The content of the present report and the recommendations it contains will be 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, May 6, 2010
The members of the Advisory Board:

Mr. Vladimir YOSSIFOV, Consultant, Permanent Mission of Bulgaria, Geneva, Chair of the Advisory Board, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member ex officio, [signed]

and in alphabetical order:

Mr. Preston HARDISON, representative of the Tulalip Tribes of Washington Governmental Affairs Department, United States of America; [signed]

Mr. Heinjoerg HERRMANN, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Germany, Geneva; [signed]

Mr. Faiyaz Murshid KAZI, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, Geneva; [signed]

Ms. Marisella OUMA, Executive Director, Kenya Copyright Board, State Law Office, Nairobi, Kenya; [signed]

Mr. Lyndon ORMOND-PARKER, representative of the Arts Law Centre of Australia, Woolloomooloo, Australia; [signed]

Mrs. Antonia Aurora ORTEGA PILLMAN, Ejecutiva, Dirección de Invenciones y Nuevas Tecnologías, Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección del Propiedad Intelectual (INDECOPI), Lima, Peru; [signed]

Ms. Polina SHULBAEVA, representative of the Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON), Moscow, Russian Federation; [signed]

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

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