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

Seventeenth Session
December 6 to 10, 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 (“the Fund”), as approved by the General Assembly, are contained in the Annex to Document WO/GA/39/11. 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 subsequent Committee session and, should the case arise, the IWG meeting(s) 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/or the IWG meeting(s), 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 seventeenth 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/39/11 as approved by the General Assembly (39th session), and in view of recommendations (a), (b), c(iii) and c(iv) adopted by the Advisory Board, the Director General has adopted the decisions recommended by the Advisory Board.

4. Furthermore, the Director General will take the recommended decisions in accordance with recommendations c(i) and c(ii) as adopted by the Advisory Board, based on the funds that will be available in the Fund after the closing of all the expenditures regarding the Intersessional Working Groups on TK and GR.

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

[Annex follows]
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 ("the Committee") during its seventeenth session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its ninth meeting from December 8 to 10, 2010 under the chairmanship of Mr. Vladimir YOSSIFOV, member ex officio, on the margins of the seventeenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee.

The members of the Advisory Board met in accordance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11. Mr. Musa Usman NDAMBA, appointed member of the Advisory Board, did not participate in the deliberations and abstained from voting on the applications for support by the Fund submitted by himself and by Mrs. Ali All SHATU, in accordance with Article 11 of the said Annex. Mr. Ngwang SONAM SHERPA, 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 himself and in accordance with the same Article.

Recalling Article 5(a) of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11, the Advisory Board took note of the financial situation of the Fund as described in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/17/INF/4 dated October 13, 2010, which was distributed before the opening of the seventeenth session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 65,476 Swiss francs on the same date. Furthermore, the Advisory Board was informed by the WIPO Secretariat of the last-minute withdrawal of Mr. Maui SOLOMON who was recommended for funding in view of the seventeenth session of the Committee. An amount of money of 7,030 Swiss francs had been committed for his participation in the said session, according to the information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/17/INF/4.

Accordingly, the Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on the consideration of the list of forty-eight applicants from six geo-cultural regions as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/17/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/39/11;

(a) In respect of the future Intersessional Working Group ("IWG") on Traditional Knowledge intended for financial support in accordance with Article 5(e):

(i) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for the next IWG on Traditional Knowledge and for whom funds are available: (eight applicants in alphabetical order)

- Mr. Siddhartha Priya ASHOK
- Mrs. Edna Maria DA COSTA E SILVA
- Mr. Albert DETERVILLE
- Mrs. Kathy HODGSON-SMITH
- Mr. Les MALEZER
- Mr. Joseph OLESARIOYO
(ii) applicants whose applications have been rejected in view of the next IWG on Traditional Knowledge:

Mr. Babagana ABUBAKAR
Ms. Rose ATENG MBAH
Mr. Ani CASIMIR CHUKWUNONYELUM KINGSTON
Mr. Preston HARDISON
Mr. Joseph LESHORE
Mr. Clarence Bongkos MALAKUN
Mrs. Ghislaine MAOMBI NGALYA
Mrs. Jane Naini MERIWAS
Mr. Alancay MORALES GARRO
Mr. John NDAFA NYUMU
Mr. Joseph OGIERIAKHI
Mr. Stephen RWAGWERI
Mrs. Maxine STOWE
Mr. Banabas Benedict TAPIN
Mr. Lah Jau UYO

(b) In respect of the future Intersessional Working Group ("IWG") on Genetic Resources intended for financial support in accordance with Article 5(e):

(i) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for the next IWG on Genetic Resources and for whom funds are available:

(six applicants in alphabetical order)

Mr. Albert DETERVILLE
Mr. Marcus GOFFE
Mr. Preston HARDISON
Mrs. Kathy HODGSON-SMITH
Mr. Les MALEZER
Mr. Ngwang SONAM SHERPA

(ii) applicants whose applications have been rejected in view of the next IWG on Genetic Resources:

Mr. Babagana ABUBAKAR
Mr. Tomas ALARCON EYZAGUIRRE
Ms. Rose ATENG MBAH
Mr. José Bautista FLORES
Mrs. Jane Naini MERIWAS
Mr. Alancay MORALES GARRO
(c) In respect of the future session of the Committee intended for financial support in accordance with Article 5(e): eighteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee.

(i) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for the eighteenth session of the Committee and for whom funds are available according to cost estimate provided by the Secretariat: (five applicants, in alphabetical order)

Mr. Nadir ADILOV
Ms. Debra HARRY
Mr. Juan Carlos JINTIACH ARCOS
Mrs. Nongpoklai SINHA
Mrs. Christina Saiti LOUWA

(ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported in principle for the eighteenth session of the Committee and for whom funds might not be available according to a cost estimate provided by the Secretariat: (two applicants, in order of priority)

Mrs. Ali Ali SHATU
Mrs. Tarcila RIVERA ZEA

Regarding those applicants, should the funds prove to be not available in view of the eighteenth session of the Committee, the Advisory Board recommends that their applications be postponed and reconsidered in priority by the next meeting of the Advisory Board in view of the nineteenth session of the Committee.

(iii) applicants whose applications in view of the eighteenth session of the Committee have been rejected: (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Babagana ABUBAKAR
Mrs. Elida Cristina AJSAC CHICOL
Mr. Roger ALARCON LIMACHE
Mr. Ani CASIMIR CHUKWUNONYELUM KINGSTON
Mrs. Christine Verdin CONNOR
Mr. Guy Antoine DZE NGUESSE
Mrs. Jackline Margis KURARU
Mr. Paul KURUK
Mrs. Jane Naini MERIWAS
Mr. Jebra Ram MUCHAHARY
Mrs. Cecilia NDIFON
Mr. Joseph OGIERIAKHI
Mr. Charles SALIL KIPLAGAT
Mr. Lakshmikanta SINGH
Mr. Honor TOUDISSA MALANDA
(iv) Applicants whose applications in view of the eighteenth session of the Committee have been postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board which will take place on the margins of the eighteenth session of the Committee: (by alphabetical order)

Mr. Siddhartha Priya ASHOK

Mr. Albert DETERVILLE

Mr. Diego Ivan ESCOBAR GUZMAN

Mr. Arnold Christopher LAISSER

Mrs. Irene LESHORE

Mr. Joseph OLESARIOYO

Mr. Stephen RWAGWERI

Mr. Ngwang SONAM SHERPA

Ms. Fawsia YOUSIF GALALELDIN

5. The Advisory Board wishes also to propose to the WIPO Director General that he submits to the IGC consideration and approval that “duly documented requests for financial support” that are referred to in Article 6(e) of the Annex to Document WO/GA/39/11 be interpreted that all requests should contain a Curriculum Vitae.

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/39/11.

Done in Geneva, December 10, 2010

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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. Stanley S. ATSALI, Patent Examiner, Kenya Industrial Property Institute, Nairobi, Kenya [signed]

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

Mrs. Lucia Fernanda INACIÓ BELFORT, representative of the Instituto Indígena Brasileiro para Propriedade Intelectual (INBRAPI) [signed]

Mr. Musa Usman NDAMBA, representative of the Mbororo Social, Cultural & Development Association (MBOSCUDA) [signed]

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

Ms. Poppy SAVITRI, Director of Traditions, Directorate General of Cultural Values, Film and Art Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Jakarta, Indonesia [signed]

Mr. Ngwang SONAM SHERPA, representative of the Nepal Indigenous Nationalities Preservation Association (NINPA) [signed]

Mr. Emin TEYMUROV, Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan [signed]

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