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Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore

**Eighteenth Session
Geneva, May 9 to 13, 2011**

DECISIONS OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

prepared by the Secretariat

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 2:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair submitted the draft agenda circulated as WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/1 Prov. 2 for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3:

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION

The Chair submitted the revised draft report of the seventeenth session of the Committee (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/17/12 Prov.2) for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 4:

ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee unanimously approved accreditation of all the organizations listed in the Annexes to documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/2 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/2 Add. as *ad hoc* observers, namely: *Fondation des Oeuvres pour la Solidarité et le Bien Etre Social* (FOSBES ONG), *Fórum de Povos e Comunidades Tradicionais*, *France Libertés Fondation Danielle Mitterrand*, Himalayan Indigenous Nationalities Preservation Association (HIWN), Intangible Cultural Heritage Network (ICHNet), Sámi Parliamentary Council (SPC), and B.I.S.O.N. International.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5:

PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES: VOLUNTARY FUND

The Committee took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/3, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/INF/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/INF/6.

The Committee strongly encouraged and called upon members of the Committee and all interested public or private entities to contribute to the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities. The Committee noted and warmly welcomed the contributions made to the Fund by the Government of South Africa and an anonymous contributor.

The Chair proposed, and the Committee elected by acclamation, the following eight members of the Advisory Board to serve in an individual capacity: Mr. Martin GIRSBERGER, Head, Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Berne, Switzerland, Ms. Nina S. DJAJAPRAWIRA, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Indonesia, Geneva, Dr. Emin TEYMUROV, Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Geneva, Mr. Mandixole MATROOS, Permanent Mission of South Africa, Geneva, Mrs. Zereth del Carmen TORRES MÉNDEZ, Attorney Negotiator, International Trade Negotiations Division, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Panama, Mr. Juan Carlos JINTIACH ARCOS, Coordination of the Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin, Quito, Ecuador, Mr. John Trygve SOLBAKK, SamiKopijja, Karasjok, Norway, and Mrs. Ali Aii SHATU, Member of the Mbororo Social Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA), Bamenda, Cameroon. The Chair of the Committee nominated Mr. Vladimir Yossifov, Vice Chair of the Committee, to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 6:

TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

The Committee took note of the text of the draft articles on traditional cultural expressions prepared by the open-ended informal drafting group established by the Committee, based on

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/4 Rev. The Committee requested that the text be made available as a working document for the Committee at its next session (July 18 to 22, 2011).

The Committee invited the Secretariat to re-publish the glossary on intellectual property and traditional cultural expressions (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/INF/7) as an information document for the next session of the Committee.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 7:

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The Committee took note of the text of the draft articles on traditional knowledge prepared by the open-ended informal drafting group established by the Committee, based on WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/7. The Committee requested that the text be made available as a working document for the Committee at its next session.

The Committee invited the Secretariat to re-publish the glossary on intellectual property and traditional knowledge (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/INF/8) as an information document for the next session of the Committee.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 8:

GENETIC RESOURCES

The Committee took note of the text of the draft objectives and principles on intellectual property and genetic resources prepared by the open-ended informal drafting group established by the Committee, based on WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/9. The Committee requested that the text be made available as a working document for the Committee at its next session.

The Committee also discussed options for future work on intellectual property and genetic resources, based on WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/10.

The Committee invited the Secretariat to re-publish the glossary on intellectual property and genetic resources (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/INF/9) as an information document for the next session of the Committee.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 9:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no interventions under this item.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 10:

CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Committee adopted its decisions on agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, on May 13, 2011. It agreed that a draft written report, containing the agreed text of these decisions and all interventions made to the Committee, would be prepared and circulated before June 17, 2011. Committee participants would be invited to submit written corrections to their interventions as included in the draft report before a final version of the draft report would then be circulated to Committee participants for adoption at the next session of the Committee.

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