

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

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### REVISED RULES OF PROCEDURE

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1. The rules of procedure applicable to the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (the Committee) were adopted at its first session, held in Geneva from April 30 to May 3, 2001.<sup>1</sup> In essence, the WIPO General Rules of Procedures apply to the Committee, subject to the amendments introduced by the special rules of procedure adopted at the first session of the Committee.
2. It is recalled that the Program and Budget for the 2010/2011 biennium, (Program 27, Conference and Language Services), approved by the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO on October 1, 2009, provided that: “[f]or the coming biennium, the languages of documentation for the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge, Folklore and Genetic Resources will be expanded to all the official languages of the UN, to be followed by documentation for other committees as financial and human resources permit”.<sup>2</sup>
3. Therefore, the working documents of the Committee, including information documents, have, since 2010, been prepared in the six official languages of the United Nations (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

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<sup>1</sup> See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/1/2, paras. 4 to 12.

<sup>2</sup> See the General Report of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, document A/47/16, p. 162 to 293. Also, see the Program and Budget for the 2010/2011 biennium, p. 170, available on the WIPO website at: [http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/budget/pdf/budget\\_2010\\_2011.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/budget/pdf/budget_2010_2011.pdf).

4. The current rules of procedure of the Committee, in paragraph 10, provide that:

“...The working documents for sessions of the Committee will be prepared in English, French and Spanish....”.

5. Accordingly, the rules of procedure of the Committee are proposed to be amended as follows to reflect the current practice:

“...The working documents for sessions of the Committee will be prepared in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian....”.

6. *The Committee is invited to adopt the amendment to the rules of procedure set out in paragraph 5 above.*

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