

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

Twenty-Second Session
July 9 to 13, 2012, 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 to 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 Twenty-Second 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), the Director General has adopted the decisions as recommended by the Advisory Board in paragraph 4 of its report.

[Annex follows]

WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND
ADVISORY BOARD
REPORT

1. 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 twenty-second session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its fourteenth meeting from July 10 to 11, 2012, under the chairmanship of Ms. Alexandra GRAZIOLI, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the twenty-second session of the Committee.

2. The members of the Advisory Board met in accordance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11. Mrs. Kathy Hodgson-Smith, appointed member of the Advisory Board, did not participate in the deliberations and abstained from voting on her application for support by the Fund, in accordance with Article 11 of the said Annex.

3. 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/22/INF/5 dated June 13, 2012, which was distributed before the opening of the twenty-second session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 21,378.74 Swiss francs on June 6, 2012.

4. Accordingly, the Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on the consideration of the list of twenty-five applicants from six geo-cultural regions as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/INF/5 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:

- (i) future session intended for financial support in accordance with Article 5(e): twenty-third session of the Committee.
- (ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for that session of the Committee and for whom sufficient funds are available according to a cost estimate provided by the Secretariat: (three applicants, in alphabetical order)

Ms. Lucia Fernanda INACIO BELFORT

Mr. John Kolol OLE TINGOI

Mrs. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ

- (iii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported in principle for that session of the Committee but for whom funds might not be available according to a cost estimate provided by the Secretariat: (three applicants by order of priority)

Mrs. Haman HAJARA

Mrs. Kathy HODGSON-SMITH

Ms. Patricia ADJEI

- (iv) applicants whose application has been postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board until the next session of the Committee: (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Babagana ABUBAKAR
Mr. Tomás ALARCÓN EYZAGUIRRE
Mr. Albert DETERVILLE
Mrs. Jackline Margis KURARU
Mr. Ngwang SONAM SHERPA

- (v) applicants whose applications have been rejected: (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Peter Kiplangat CHERUIYOT
Mrs. Fawsia Yousif GALALELDIN
Mr. Daniel Mpoiko KOBEL
Mr. Jafarou MALAM KOSSAO
Mrs. Luz Marina MAMANI MARTINEZ
Mrs. Jane Naini MERIWAS
Mrs. Dora OGBOI
Mr. Biro Boubacar SAMOURA
Ms. Solandry D'Alfonso SANCHEZ VALBUENA
Mrs. Madeleine SCHERB
Mr. Lakshmikanta SINGH
Mrs. Barbara TRENZI
Mr. Miguel Antonio VALBUENA GUAURIYU
Mr. Gregory YOUNGING

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, July 11, 2012

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The members of the Advisory Board:

Ms. Alexandra GRAZIOLI, Senior Legal Advisor, International Trade Relations, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Bern, Switzerland, Chair of the Advisory Board, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio* [signed],

and in alphabetical order:

Ms. Gulnara ABBASOVA, Consultant, Human Rights Unit, Foundation for Research and Support of Indigenous Peoples of Crimea, Simferopol, Ukraine [signed]

Mr. Ousmane AG DALA, representative, *Adjmor*, Mali [signed]

Mr. Nabiollah AZAMI SARDOUEI, Legal Expert, Legal International Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran [signed]

Mr. Georgi DAMYANOV, Director, Copyright and Related Rights Directorate, Ministry of Culture, Sofia, Bulgaria [signed]

Mr. Clinton DENGATE, Executive Officer, International Intellectual Property Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, Australia [signed]

Ms. Kathy HODGSON-SMITH, Consultant, Métis National Council (MNC), Ottawa, Canada [signed]

Mr. Mandixole MATROOS, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Justin SOBION, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago, Geneva [signed]

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