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Twenty-Second Session
Geneva, July 9 to 13, 2012

DECISIONS OF THE TWENTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

Adopted by the Committee

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 2:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair submitted the draft agenda circulated as WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/1 Prov. 3 for adoption. The Committee amended item 9 on the agenda to read as follows: "Expression of Views on Future Matters Concerning the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC)". With this amendment, the agenda was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3:

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION

The Chair submitted the revised draft report of the Twentieth Session of the Committee (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/10 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 Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/2 as *ad hoc* observers, namely: Andean Cultural and Folklore Research Association (*Asociación de Investigación Cultural y Folklórico Andino*) (ASICFA); Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP); *Associazione Sant'Antuono & le Battuglie di Pastellessa*; Department of Sociology, University of Essex (UK); Foundation for the Regional Development of Araucanía (*Fundación de Desarrollo Regional de la Araucanía*) (FUDEAR); International Association of IT Lawyers (IAITL); International Trade Center for Development (*Centre du Commerce International pour le Développement*) (CECIDE); National Center for Human Rights (*Centre National des Droits Humains*) (CNDH); National League of Indigenous Pygmy Associations of the Congo (*Ligue nationale des associations autochtones Pygmées du Congo*) (LINAPYCO); Patrice BINGOTO Foundation (*Fondation Patrice BINGOTO*) (FPB); People's Action for Development (PAD); Rulu Arts Promoters (RAP); The Intellectual Property Institute Nigeria LTD/GTE (IPIN); World Mountain People Association (WMPA) (*Association des Populations des Montagnes du Monde*) (APMM).

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5:

PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Committee took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/3, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/INF/5 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/INF/7.

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 Chair proposed, and the Committee elected by acclamation, the following eight members of the Advisory Board to serve in an individual capacity: Ms. Gulnara Abbasova, Consultant, Human Rights Unit, Foundation for Research and Support of Indigenous Peoples of Crimea, Simferopol, Ukraine; Mr. Ousmane AD Dala, Representative, ADJMOR, Tombouctou, Mali; Mr. Nabiollah Azami Sardouei, Legal Expert, Legal International Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran; Mr. Georgi Damyanov, Director, Copyright and Related Rights Department, Ministry of Culture, Sofia, Bulgaria; Mr. Clinton Dengate, Executive Officer, International Intellectual Property Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, Australia; Ms. Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Consultant, Métis National Council

(MNC), Ottawa, Canada; Mr. Mandixole Matroos, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa, Geneva; Mr. Justin Sobion, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago, Geneva. The Chair of the Committee nominated Ms. Alexandra Grazioli, Vice-Chair of the Committee, to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 6:

TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

The Committee discussed the working and information documents prepared for this session under this agenda item, in particular documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/4, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/5, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/INF/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/INF/8. The Committee developed, on the basis of these documents and comments made in plenary, the text “The Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: Draft Articles” in accordance with the General Assembly mandate contained in document WO/GA/40/7. The Committee decided that this text, as at the close of the session on July 13, 2012, be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly for consideration by the General Assembly in accordance with the Committee’s mandate contained in document WO/GA/40/7.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 7:

PARTICIPATION OF OBSERVERS

The Committee took note of and exchanged views on WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/INF/10.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 8:

CONTRIBUTION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE (IGC) TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESPECTIVE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee held a discussion on this item. The Committee decided that all statements made on this item would be recorded in the report of the Committee and that they would also be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly taking place from October 1 to 9, 2012, in line with the decision taken by the 2010 WIPO General Assembly related to the Development Agenda Coordination Mechanism.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 9:

EXPRESSION OF VIEWS ON FUTURE MATTERS CONCERNING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE (IGC).

Views were expressed on future matters concerning the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC).

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 11:

CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Committee adopted its decisions on agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on July 13, 2012. 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 September 30, 2012. 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 Twenty-Third Session of the Committee.

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