

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

**Twenty-Fourth Session
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BRIEF SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS

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I. WORKING DOCUMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

1. The following is a brief summary of the documents prepared or due to be prepared for the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (the “Committee” or “IGC”) as at April 5, 2013. Each of these documents, as well as any additional documents, will be posted as soon as they are finalized at: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=28647

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/1 Prov. 2: Draft Agenda for the Twenty-Fourth Session

2. This document contains the proposed items to be dealt with by the Committee, and is submitted to the Committee for possible adoption.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/2: Accreditation of Certain Organizations

3. This document sets out the names, contact details and aims and objectives of organizations which have applied to the Committee for accreditation as *ad hoc* observers to the current and future sessions of the Committee.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/3: Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities: Voluntary Fund

4. The WIPO General Assembly, in 2005, established the “WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities”. The decision was taken on the basis

of document WO/GA/32/6, subsequently amended by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2010, which sets out the objectives and operation of the Fund. This document refers to the appointment of the Fund's Advisory Board, and provides information on the fund-raising drive initiated by the Secretariat. The required information note providing details of contributions received and beneficiaries is circulated in parallel as document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/4.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/4: The Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Draft Articles

5. During the Twenty-First Session of the IGC, which took place in April 2012, the Committee discussed documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/21/4, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/21/5, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/21/INF/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/21/INF/8 and developed, on the basis of these documents and of the comments made in plenary, the text "The Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Draft Articles". The IGC decided that the text, as at the close of the session on April 20, 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. This document was transmitted as Annex B to WO/GA/41/15. The General Assembly, in October 2012, took note of document WO/GA/41/15, including its annexes, and agreed that the work of the Committee would build on the annexes to WO/GA/41/15 through three thematic sessions in 2013. Based on the work proposal as contained in par. 152 of WO/GA/41/18, Annex B of WO/GA/41/15 has been prepared as a working document for this session.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/5: Joint Recommendation on Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge

6. During the Twentieth Session of the IGC, which took place in February 2012, the Delegations of Canada, Japan, Norway, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America, made available a "Joint Recommendation on Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge". This was contained in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/9/Rev. In accordance with paragraph 855 of WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/10, this document was resubmitted, by the co-sponsors, to the Twenty-Third Session of the IGC, which took place in February 2013, and circulated as WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/5. This document has been resubmitted by the co-sponsors and is prepared as a working document for this session.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/6: Proposal for the Terms of Reference for the Study by the WIPO Secretariat on Measures Related to the Avoidance of the Erroneous Grant of Patents and Compliance with Existing Access and Benefit-Sharing Systems

7. During the Twenty-Third Session of the IGC, which took place in February 2013, a proposal for the terms of reference for a study on measures related to the avoidance of the erroneous grant of patents and compliance with existing access and benefit sharing systems, was co-sponsored by the Delegations of the United States of America, Canada, Japan and the Republic of Korea. This proposal was contained in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/6. The co-sponsors of this proposal have resubmitted this proposal as a working document for this session.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/7: Joint Recommendation on the Use of Databases for the Defensive Protection of Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources

8. During the Twenty-Third Session of the IGC, which took place in February 2013, a joint recommendation regarding the use of databases for the defensive protection of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources was co-sponsored by the Delegations of Canada, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America.

This proposal was contained in document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/7. The co-sponsors of this proposal have resubmitted this proposal as a working document for this session.

II. INFORMATION DOCUMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/1 Prov.: List of Participants

9. A draft list of participants will be circulated at IGC 24.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/2 Rev.: Brief Summary of Documents

10. The present document has been prepared as an informal guide to the Committee's documentation.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/3: Draft Program for the Twenty-Fourth Session

11. In line with the Committee's request at IGC 10, this document sets out a suggested program and identifies a possible timing for each agenda item. This draft program is indicative only, and the actual organization of work of the Committee would be determined by the Chair and its members in line with the rules of procedure.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/4: Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities: Information Note on Contributions and Applications for Support

12. This document sets out information required to be reported to the Committee on the operation of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities. The rules are set out in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, as approved by the WIPO General Assembly at its 32nd session and subsequently amended by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2010. In particular, it gives information on contributions received or pledged, and actual support provided to representatives of accredited indigenous and local communities.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/5: Information Note for the Panel of Indigenous and Local Communities

13. Following a decision of the Committee at IGC 7, each subsequent session of the Committee has been commenced with a panel chaired by a member of an indigenous community. As at today, the panel has been held at the commencement of the previous 16 sessions of the Committee. On each occasion, representatives of indigenous and local communities gave presentations on their communities' experiences and concerns in relation to TCEs, TK and GRs or on a specific theme related to the IGC's negotiations. The presentations are available on WIPO's site at:

http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/ngoparticipation/ind_loc_com/index.html and may also be accessed through the Indigenous Portal on the WIPO website. This document sets out the proposed practical arrangements for the panel at IGC 24.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/6: Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities: Decisions taken by the Director General in accordance with the Recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board

14. This information note will inform the Committee on the decisions on funding that the Director General will take in accordance with the recommendation that the Advisory Board of

the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities may adopt in the margins of IGC 24.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/7: Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions

15. At IGC 19, “the Committee invited the Secretariat to update the glossaries available in documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/7 (‘Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Traditional Cultural Expressions’), WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/8 (‘Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge’) and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/9 (‘Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources’), to combine them in a single document and to publish the consolidated glossary as an information document for the next session of the Committee”.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/8: Resources Available on the WIPO Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources Website

16. At IGC 20, the Committee invited the Secretariat to produce an information document briefly describing the resources available on the WIPO Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources website as a means to support and enhance the participation of observers in its work.

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