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

Twenty-Sixth Session
Geneva, February 3 to 7, 2014

DECISIONS OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

Adopted by the Committee

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 2:
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Upon the proposal of the Delegation of Uruguay, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC), seconded by the Delegation of Belarus, on behalf of the Group of Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC), and the Delegation of China, the Committee elected as its Chair, His Excellency Ambassador Wayne McCook of Jamaica, unanimously and by acclamation, for the 2014-2015 biennium. As Vice-Chairs for the same period, upon the proposal of the Delegation of Japan, on behalf of Group B, seconded by the Delegation of the Czech Republic, on behalf of the Group of Central European and Baltic States (CEBS), the Committee elected Ms. Alexandra Grazioli of Switzerland, and upon the proposal of Kenya, on behalf of the African Group, the Committee elected Ms. Ahlem Sara Charikhi of Algeria, and upon the proposal of the Delegation of Bangladesh, on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group, the Committee elected Mr. Abdulkadir Jailani of Indonesia.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3:
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair submitted the draft agenda circulated as WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/1 Prov. 4 for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 4:
ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

The Chair submitted the revised draft report of the Twenty-Fifth session of the Committee (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/8 Prov. 2) for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5:
ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee unanimously approved the accreditation of all the organizations listed in the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/2 as *ad hoc* observers, namely: Community Resource and Development Center (CRDC); Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA); Dublin City University (DCU), School of Communications; Fiji Native and Tribal Congress (FNTC); Groupe d'Action pour le Développement Durable (GAD) (*Action Group for Sustainable Development*); Indian Education Foundation (IEF); Indigenous Information Network (IIN); International Potato Center (CIP); IPR Aware World; Nepal Thami Society; Nga Kaiawhina a Wai 262 (NKW262); Réseau National des Populations Autochtones du Congo (RENAPAC) (*National Network of the Autochthonous Populations of Congo*); SAMUSA; Uganda Pentecostal University, Grotius School of Law; University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 6:
PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Committee took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/3, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/INF/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/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 Chair proposed, and the Committee elected by acclamation, the following eight members of the Advisory Board to serve in an individual capacity: Ms. Hema BROAD, representative, *Nga Kaiawhina a Wai 262* (NKW262), New Zealand; Mr. Nelson DE LEON KANTULE, representative, *Asociación Kunas unidos por Napguana/Association of Kunas for Mother Earth* (KUNA), Panama; Ms. Simara HOWELL, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Jamaica, Geneva; Mr. Nazrul ISLAM, Minister, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, Geneva; Ms. Edwina LEWIS, Assistant Director, International Policy and Cooperation Section, IP Australia, Canberra, Australia; Mr. Mandixole MATROOS, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa, Geneva; Mr. Arsen BOGATYREV, Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, Geneva; Mrs. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ, representative, Tebtebba Foundation – Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education, Philippines.

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 7:

GENETIC RESOURCES

The Committee developed, on the basis of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/4, a "Consolidated Document Relating to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources Rev. 2". The Committee decided that this text, as at the close of the session on February 7, 2014, be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly taking place in September 2014, subject to any agreed adjustments or modifications arising on cross-cutting issues at the Twenty-Eighth session of the Committee, taking place in July 2014, in accordance with the Committee's mandate for 2014-2015 and the work program for 2014, as contained in document WO/GA/43/22.

The Committee also took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/5, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/6, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/INF/7, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/INF/8 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/INF/9

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 9:

CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Committee adopted its decisions on Agenda Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, on February 7, 2014. 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 March 3, 2014. 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-Seventh session of the Committee.

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