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

Twenty-Eighth Session
Geneva, July 7 to 9, 2014

DECISIONS OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH 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/28/1 Prov. for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3:
ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION
The Chair submitted the revised draft report of the Twenty-Seventh session of the Committee (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/10 Prov. 2) for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 4:
ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS
The Committee unanimously approved the accreditation of all the organizations listed in the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/28/2 as ad hoc observers, namely: Herbal Anthropology Project (HAP) and the Personal Care Products Council (PCPC).

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5:
PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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: Mr. Arsen BOGATYREV, Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, Geneva; Ms. Hema BROAD, representative, Nga Kaiahwina a Wai 262 (NKW262), New Zealand; Mrs. Catherine BUNYASSI KAHURIA, Senior Counsel, Legal, Kenya Copyright Board, Nairobi, Kenya; Mr. Nelson DE LEON KANTULE, representative, Asociación Kunas unidos por Napangua/Association of Kunas for Mother Earth (KUNA), Panama; Ms. Simara HOWELL, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Jamaica, Geneva; Mr. Shi-hyeong KIM, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, Geneva; Mr. Carlo Maria MARENCHI, Intellectual Property and Trade Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Holy See, Geneva; Ms. Lucy MULENKEI, representative, Indigenous Information Network, Nairobi, Kenya

The Chair of the Committee nominated Ms. Alexandra Grazioli, Vice-Chair of the Committee, to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board.

The Committee took note of the proposal reflected in document WIPO/GRTKF/28/10 and of the information provided during the session by the proponents of the said document on the consultations they held with delegations. The Committee also took note of the intention of the proponents to submit a proposal comprising detailed modalities in this regard for the consideration of the Program and Budget Committee at its next session.
DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 6:
CROSS-CUTTING REVIEW ON GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS AND TAKING STOCK OF PROGRESS MADE AND MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Committee took note of and discussed the cross-cutting elements of the texts contained in the annexes to documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/28/4, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/28/5 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/28/6, and confirmed that these texts, as developed during the Twenty-Sixth and Twenty-Seventh sessions of the Committee respectively, be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly taking place in September 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.


Regarding the requirement to take stock of progress made and make a recommendation to the General Assembly, the Committee decided that statements made on this matter during the final discussion in the Twenty-Eighth session under this agenda item on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, be recorded in the report of the Committee and that those statements be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly taking place from September 22 to 30, 2014, for its consideration, and be included in the usual report of the session.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 7:
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 September 22 to 30, 2014, in line with the decision taken by the 2010 WIPO General Assembly related to the Development Agenda Coordination Mechanism.

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 July 9, 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 by September 19, 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 next session of the Committee.

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