

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

Thirtieth Session
Geneva, May 30 to June 3, 2016

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 to the Committee the report and recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board at the conclusion of its meeting held on the margins of the Thirtieth 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 taken note of the content of this report and adopted the decisions as recommended by the Advisory Board in its paragraph 4.

[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 Thirtieth Session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its twenty-second meeting on June 1 and 2, 2016, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Michael TENE, member *ex officio*, in the margins of the Thirtieth 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. Due to the fact that the Advisory Board did not reach the quorum at the time of considering and deciding upon the application of Mr. Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE, the Advisory Board decided not to consider this application.
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/30/INF/4 dated April 19, 2016, which was distributed before the opening of the Thirtieth Session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 643.20 Swiss francs on April 14, 2016. Recalling the recommendation it made at its previous meeting, the Advisory Board took note of the fact that the Fund has been unable to finance any recommended applicant for funding since the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Committee included, and recommends that the Committee address this situation.
4. Accordingly, the Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on the consideration of the list of applicants as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/30/INF/4 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): 31th session of the Committee.
- (ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported in principle for that session of the Committee, pending sufficient availability of funds (in order of priority):

Mrs. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ

Mr. Q’apaj CONDE CHOQUE

Mr. Estebancio CASTRO DÍAZ

Mr. Babagana ABUBAKAR

- (iii) applicants whose applications should be postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board until the next session of the Committee: (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Isa ADAMU

Mr. Tomás ALARCÓN EYZAGUIRRE

Mr. Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO

Mrs. Cecilia Eneck NDIFON

Mr. Kamal Kumar RAI

Mrs. Nongpoklai SINHA

Mr. Mikhail TODYSHEV

(iv) applicants whose applications should be rejected (in alphabetical order):

Mr. Boudan ALKASSOUM

Mr. Albert DETERVILLE

Mr. Hamath Boubou DIALLO

Mr. Santiago OBISPO

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, June 2, 2016

Names of the members of the Advisory Board:

H.E. Mr. Michael TENE, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Indonesia in Geneva, Chair of the Advisory Board, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio*, [signed]

And, in alphabetical order:

Mr. Parviz EMOMOV, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Nelson DE LEON KANTULE, representative, *Asociación Kunas unidos por Napguana*/Association of *Kunas* for Mother Earth (KUNA), Panama [signed]

Ms. Ema HAO'ULI, Policy Advisor, Business Law Department, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, New Zealand [signed]

Mr. Preston HARDISON, Policy Analyst, Tulalip Tribes of Washington, United States of America [signed]

Ms. Edwige Koumby MISSAMBO, Senior Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Gabon, Geneva [signed]

Ms. Marcela PAIVA, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Chile, Geneva [signed]

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