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

**Thirty-Second Session
Geneva, November 28 to December 2, 2016**

DECISIONS OF THE THIRTY-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/32/1 Prov. 2 for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3:

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

The Chair submitted the draft report of the Thirty-First Session of the Committee (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/31/10 Prov. 2) for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 4:

ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee unanimously approved the accreditation of the three organizations listed in the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/2 as *ad hoc* observers, namely: Association Culturelle et Scientifique De Khenchela (ACSK); Association Debout Femmes Autochtones du Congo (ADFAC); and Indigenous World Association (IWA).

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5:

REPORTING ON THE *SEMINAR ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE* (NOVEMBER 24 AND 25, 2016)

The Committee took note of the oral reports from the rapporteurs: Mr. Reynald Veillard, Counselor, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva; Mr. Fayssal Allek, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland; Ms. Usana Berananda, Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Thailand to the World Trade Organization (WTO); and Ms. María del Pilar Escobar Bautista, Counselor, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva.

The Committee also took note of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/INF/9.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 6:

PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Committee took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/3, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/INF/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/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: Mr. Roger Cho, representative, Incomindios, Switzerland; Mr. Rodrigo de la Cruz Inlago, representative, Call of the Earth – *Llamado de la Tierra*, Ecuador; Mr. Parviz Emomov, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, Geneva; Ms. Melody Lynn Mccoy, representative, Native American Rights Fund, United States of America; Ms. Nusta Maldonado, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ecuador, Geneva; Mr. Carlo Maria Marengi, Intellectual Property and Trade Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Holy See, Geneva; Ms. Boipelo Sithole, First Secretary (Trade),

Permanent Mission of Botswana, Geneva; and Mr. Arnel Talisayon, First Secretary and Consul, Permanent Mission of the Philippines, Geneva.

The Chair of the Committee nominated Ambassador Robert Matheus Michael Tene, Vice-Chair of the Committee, to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 7:

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The Committee developed, on the basis of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/4, a further text, "The Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Draft Articles Rev. 2". The Committee decided that this text, as at the close of this agenda item on December 2, 2016, be transmitted to the Thirty-Fourth session of the Committee, in accordance with the Committee's mandate for 2016-2017 and the work program for 2017, as contained in document WO/GA/47/19.

The Committee took note of and held discussions on documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/5, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/6, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/7, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/8, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/9, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/10, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/INF/7 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/32/INF/8.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 8:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no discussion under this item.

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 December 2, 2016. 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 January 27, 2017. 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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