

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

### **Thirty-Second Session**

**Geneva, November 28 to December 2, 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 Thirty-Second 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 (39<sup>th</sup> 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 Thirty-Second Session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its twenty-fourth meeting on November 30 and December 1, 2016, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Michael TENE, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the Thirty-Second 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.
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/32/INF/4 dated October 27, 2016, which was distributed before the opening of the Thirty-Second Session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 663.20 Swiss francs on October 27, 2016. Recalling the recommendation it made at its three previous meetings, 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 reiterates its recommendation that the Committee address this situation.
4. 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/32/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): 33<sup>d</sup> 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):

Mr. Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE

Mrs. Nongpoklai SINHA

Mr. Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA

Mr. Dmitry BEREZHKOVA
  - (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. Q”apaj CONDE CHOQUE

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

Mr. Samuel CAUPER PINEDO

Mr. Almoctar MAHAMADOU

Mr. Charles SALIL KIPLAGAT

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, December 1, 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. Roger CHO, representative, Incomindios, Switzerland [signed]

Mr. Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ INLAGO, representative, Call of the Earth – *Llamado de la Tierra*, Ecuador [signed]

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

Ms. Melody Lynn MCCOY, Representative, Native American Rights Fund, United States of America [signed]

Ms. Ñusta MALDONADO, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ecuador, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Carlo Maria MARENGHI, Intellectual Property and Trade Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Holy See, Geneva [signed]

Ms. Boipelo SITHOLE, First Secretary (Trade), Permanent Mission of Botswana, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Arnel TALISAYON, First Secretary and Consul, Permanent Mission of the Philippines, Geneva [signed]

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