

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

Thirty-Third Session
Geneva, February 27 to March 3, 2017

BRIEF SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS

Document prepared by the Secretariat

1. The following is a brief summary of the documents prepared or due to be prepared for the Thirty-Third Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (the “Committee” or “IGC”) as at January 23, 2017. Each of these documents, as well as any additional documents, will be posted as soon as they are finalized at:
http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=42298.

I. WORKING DOCUMENTS FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/1 Prov.: Draft Agenda

2. This document contains the proposed items to be dealt with by the Committee, and is submitted to the Committee for possible adoption.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/2: Accreditation of Certain Organizations

3. This document sets out the name, contact detail and aim and objective of one organization which has applied to the Committee for accreditation as an *ad hoc* observer to the current and future sessions of the Committee.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/3: Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities: Voluntary Fund

4. The WIPO General Assembly, in 2005, established the “WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities”. The decision was taken on the basis of document WO/GA/32/6, subsequently amended by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2010, which sets out the objectives and operation of the Fund. This document refers to the appointment of the Fund’s Advisory Board. The required information note providing details of contributions received and beneficiaries is circulated in parallel as document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/4.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/4: The Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: Draft Articles

5. At its Twenty-Seventh Session, which took place in Geneva, from March 24 to April 4, 2014, the IGC developed, on the basis of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/5, a further text, “The Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: Draft Articles Rev. 2”. The text was made available to the Twenty-Eighth Session of the IGC as document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/28/6 and was transmitted to the 2014 General Assembly as Annex C to document WO/GA/46/6. There was no decision on the IGC during the 2014 General Assembly. The same document was submitted to the 2015 General Assembly as Annex C to document WO/GA/47/12. The WIPO General Assembly in 2015 decided that the IGC will “continue to expedite its work, with a focus on narrowing existing gaps, with open and full engagement, including text-based negotiations, with the objective of reaching an agreement on an international legal instrument(s), without prejudging the nature of outcome(s), relating to intellectual property which will ensure the balanced and effective protection of GRs, TK and TCEs” and that “the Committee’s work in the 2016/2017 biennium will build on the existing work carried out by the Committee”, and “use all WIPO working documents, including WIPO/GRTKF/IC/28/4, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/28/5 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/28/6, as well as any other contributions of member states, using an evidence-based approach, including studies and examples of national experiences, including domestic legislation and examples of protectable subject matter and subject matter that is not intended to be protected; and outputs of any expert panel(s) established by the Committee and IGC-related seminars and workshops conducted under Program 4”. Document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/4 has been prepared for this session pursuant to this decision.

II. INFORMATION DOCUMENTS FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/1 Prov.: List of Participants

6. A draft list of participants will be circulated at the Thirty-Third Session of the Committee.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/2: Brief Summary of Documents

7. The present document has been prepared as an informal guide to the Committee’s documentation.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/3: Draft Program for the Thirty-Third Session

8. In line with the Committee’s request at its Tenth Session, this document sets out a suggested program and identifies a possible timing for each agenda item. This draft program is indicative only, and the actual organization of work of the Committee would be determined by the Chair and its members in line with the rules of procedure.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/4: Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities: Information Note on Contributions and Applications for Support

9. This document sets out information required to be reported to the Committee on the operation of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities. The rules are set out in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, as approved by the WIPO General Assembly at its Thirty-Second Session and subsequently amended by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2010. In particular, it gives information on contributions received or pledged, and actual support provided to representatives of accredited indigenous and local communities.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/5: Information Note for the Panel of Indigenous and Local Communities

10. Following a decision of the Committee at its Seventh Session, each subsequent session of the Committee has commenced with a panel chaired by a member of an indigenous community. The panel has been held at the commencement of the previous 25 sessions of the Committee. On each occasion, representatives of indigenous and local communities gave presentations on a specific theme related to the IGC's negotiations. The presentations are available on WIPO's site at: <http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/igc/panels.html>. This document sets out the proposed practical arrangements for the panel at the Thirty-Third Session of the Committee.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/6: Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities: Decisions taken by the Director General in accordance with the Recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board

11. This information note will inform the Committee on the decisions on funding that the Director General will take in accordance with the recommendation that the Advisory Board of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities may adopt in the margins of the Thirty-Third Session of the Committee.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/7: Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions

12. At its Nineteenth Session, "the Committee invited the Secretariat to update the glossaries available in documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/7 ('Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Traditional Cultural Expressions'), WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/8 ('Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge') and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/9 ('Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources'), to combine them in a single document and to publish the consolidated glossary as an information document for the next session of the Committee". This document is made available as an updated version of the consolidated glossary for the session.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/8: Resources available on the WIPO Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources Website

13. At its Twentieth Session, the Committee invited the Secretariat to produce an information document briefly describing the resources available on the WIPO Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources website as a means to support and enhance the participation of observers in its work. This document provides an update on the resources available on the website.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/9: Technical Review of Key Intellectual Property-Related Issues of the WIPO Draft Instruments on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions by Professor James Anaya

14. The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) recommended at its Eleventh Session that “WIPO commission a Technical Review, to be conducted by an indigenous expert, focusing on the draft texts concerning traditional knowledge, genetic resources and traditional culture expressions, and to provide comments thereon to the Intergovernmental Committee through the Forum. The review should be undertaken within the framework of indigenous human rights.” In consultation with the Secretariat of the UNPFII, Professor James Anaya, Professor of Human Rights Law and Policy, University of Arizona, United States of America, was commissioned by the Secretariat of WIPO in 2014 to undertake this technical review under his sole responsibility. Professor Anaya completed his review in 2014 and submitted it to the Secretariat of the UNPFII. On May 28, 2015, the Secretariat of WIPO received a request from the UNPFII Secretariat to submit the technical review undertaken by Professor Anaya to the Committee as an information document. Pursuant to the request above, the technical review was made available for the Twenty-Ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-First and Thirty-Second Sessions of the IGC as an information document. Document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/33/INF/9 containing the same technical review has also been prepared for this session.

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