

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

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

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-Third 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 for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities (“the 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-Third Session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its twenty-fifth meeting on March 1 and 2, 2017, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Michael TENE, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the Thirty-Third 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. Ms. Lucia Fernanda INÁCIO BELFORT SALES, appointed member of the Advisory Board, did not participate in the deliberations and abstained from voting on her application for support by the Fund, in accordance with Article 11 of the said Annex.
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/33/INF/4 dated February 1, 2017, which was distributed before the opening of the Thirty-Third Session of the Committee and which specified that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 623.20 Swiss francs on January 20, 2017. Furthermore, the Advisory Board was advised by the WIPO Secretariat on March 1, 2017 that the Government of Australia made a contribution of 37,835 Swiss francs (the equivalent of AUD 50,000 at the date of the transfer operation) to the Fund on February 28, 2017, and that the amount available in the Fund was 38,458.20 Swiss francs on March 1, 2017. The Advisory Board welcomed, and expressed its sincere appreciation for the contribution made by the Government of Australia and encouraged WIPO Member States and other potential donors to contribute further to the Fund.
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/33/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):
Thirty-Fourth Session of the Committee.
- (ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agreed should be supported for the session of the Committee as referred to under paragraph 4 (i) (in alphabetical order):

Mr. Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA

Mr. Q’apaj CONDE CHOQUE

Ms. Lucia Fernanda INÁCIO BELFORT SALES

Mr. Kamal Kumar RAI

Mrs. Polina SHULBAEVA

- (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

Mrs. Ali Ali SHATU

Mrs. Edna Maria DA COSTA E SILVA

Mr. John Kolol OLE TINGOI

Mr. Vincent Phemelo RAPOO

Mr. Stephen RWAGWERI

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

Mr. Mohammed Ali AZIZ AL NAEB

Mr. Timothy OLE LARPEI

Mr. Alfred Saigero OLE MOSIANY

Mr. Ali Naji SHAMS ADDIN

Mr. Séverin SINDIZERA

Mr. Ngwang SONAM SHERPA

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, March 2, 2017

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. Tomas ALARCÓN, representative, *Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos (CAPAJ)*, Peru [signed]

Ms. Eselealofa APINELU, Attorney-General, Legal Services, Office of the Attorney-General, Tuvalu [signed]

Ms. Aideen FITZGERALD, Policy Officer, International Policy and Cooperation Section, IP Australia, Australia [signed]

Ms. Lucia Fernanda INÁCIO BELFORT SALES, representative, *Instituto Indígena Brasileiro da Propriedade Intelectual (InBraPi)*, Brazil [signed]

Ms. Galina MIKHEEVA, Head, Multilateral Cooperation Division, International Cooperation Department, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT), Russian Federation [signed]

Ms. Daniela RODRÍGUEZ URIBE, Advisor, *Patrimonio Cultural Inmaterial, Dirección de Patrimonio, Ministerio de Cultura*, Colombia [signed]

Mrs. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ, representative, Tebtebba Foundation - Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education, the Philippines [signed]

Mr. George TEBAGANA, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Uganda, Geneva [signed]

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