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FURTHER ADDENDUM TO ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

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1. The Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/4/2, entitled “Accreditation of Certain Organizations,” lists a number of non-governmental organizations which requested, before October 11, 2002, to be granted observer status in sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, according to the Rules of Procedure (see paragraph 8 of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/1/2).
2. The Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/4/2 Add, entitled “Addendum to Accreditation of Certain Organizations,” lists additional organizations, which requested observer status between October 11, 2002 and November 26, 2002.
3. The Annex to the present document lists further organizations, which, subsequent to November 26, 2002, have also requested observer status.

3. The Intergovernmental Committee is invited to approve the representation in sessions of the Committee of the organization referred to in the Annex to this document, together with the organizations listed in the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/4/2, entitled “Accreditation of Certain Organizations” and in the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/4/2 Add, entitled “Addendum to Accreditation of Certain Organizations”

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED
REPRESENTATION AS OBSERVERS IN SESSIONS OF
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Assembly of First Nations

Asociación Tamaynut (Amazigh People)

Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos (CAPAJ)

Metis National Council (MNC)

The Rockefeller Foundation

Tsentsak Survival Foundation (*Cultura Shuar del Ecuador*)

Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

Description of the Organization:

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is the national representative organization of the First Nations in Canada. There are over 633 First Nations communities in Canada. The Assembly of First Nations plays a coordinating role in imposing their point of view or to bind First Nations to a position. Its role is to provide information, explanation, guidance and options for its membership, and a sense of solidarity. The AFN is active in the areas of health, environment, fiscal relations, social, languages, economic development, international affairs, housing, finance, education, employment equity, human resource development, justice and firearms, residential schools, treaties, lands and trusts.

Main objectives of the organization:

- To achieve respect and recognition of Indigenous Peoples and their cultures;
- To have traditional aboriginal and land rights fully recognized and protected;
- To ensure the continued protection of traditional ecological knowledge for the betterment of First Nations communities;
- To ensure that First Nations are represented on a government level and to be consulted on the protection of their traditional and aboriginal rights;
- To educate their non-native relatives, that First Nations have much to offer towards the betterment of society and the world;
- To work toward the incorporation of traditional principles, values and laws into the legal and decision-making structures;
- To achieve the redistribution of lands and resources for the betterment and control of First Nations communities; and,
- To ensure First Nations communities establish the right to prior informed consent.

Relationship with Intellectual Property matters:

The Assembly of First Nations plays a crucial role of ensuring that First Nations are aware of the numerous issues that are facing them, as decisions are being made without adequate input by First Nations. The AFN acts as the main conduit to which their people are able to advocate their views on the issue of intellectual property rights through an elected structure. Their relationship with the issue of intellectual property rights is deeply tied to the protection of the various cultures, traditions and ways of life for all 633 First Nation communities across Canada.

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Association Tamaynut (Amazigh People)

Main Aims and Objectives:

Tamaynut is a cultural non-governmental organization formed in 1978 with 26 sections in Morocco. The Organization is interested in issues to protect and to promote the rights of Amazigh peoples as well as to promote peace and diversity. Additionally the Organization aims to promote and to enrich the language and culture of the Amazigh people.

Aims:

- (i) to protect the rights of Amazigh peoples in Morocco under a federal system;
- (ii) to campaign for the recognition by the constitution of Amazigh rights;
- (iii) the prevention of discrimination against Amazigh people in education, information and justice;
- (iv) promote the promotion of Amazigh intellectual property rights.

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Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos
(CAPAJ)

Main Aim and Objectives:

CAPAJ is a non-governmental organization of indigenous jurists founded on December 8, 1993. CAPAJ consists of representatives and lawyers from indigenous organizations and communities of South America who defend the rights of Indigenous Andean Peoples.

The Organization defends the rights of Indigenous peoples and promote self-development particularly in the Andean area of Peru, Chile and Bolivia where there are a lot of traditional knowledge and genetic resources. The Organization aims to protect these traditional knowledge and genetic resources through participation in regional, national and international forums.

CAPAJ focuses mainly in the area of human rights, environment, sustainable development and the legal domain.

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Metis National Council (MNC)

The Metis National Council (MNC) is the national representative of the Metis Nation in Canada. The Metis National Council was established in 1983, following recognition of the Metis as a distinct people with Aboriginal rights in the Constitution Act, 1982. The MNC has been recognized as the voice of the Metis Nation in constitutional negotiations at the national level, and acts as an advocate and negotiator for the Metis people with the Government of Canada and at national conferences and fora. It also represents the interests of the Metis people on the international stage. The MNC is a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the United Nations.

The Metis are one of the three recognized Aboriginal peoples of Canada entrenched in the Canadian Constitution Act, 1982. As such, the Metis Nation is keenly aware of issues regarding Aboriginal traditional Knowledge and customary law. MNC believes that the Metis can contribute and enhance discussion from a Metis perspective on issues before the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee.

The central goals and aspirations of the Metis National Council are to represent and promote the interests of the Metis Nation by:

- Restoring Metis lands and resources for future generations;
- Achieving the full recognition of the Metis nation and its jurisdiction within the Canadian federal system;
- Seeking co-operative and productive relations with other Canadian governments and peoples based on mutual respect, sharing, and tolerance;
- Promoting progress and prosperity among Metis people in all cultural, social, economic and political fields;
- Achieving self sufficiency for the Metis people and the institutions of the Metis Nation;
- Maintaining and promote respect for the individual rights and freedoms of the Metis people and the equal protection and advancement of female and male Metis; and,
- Maintaining the independence and integrity of the Metis Nation, safeguard its stability and resist any aggression upon its existence or any of its people.

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The Rockefeller Foundation

The Rockefeller Foundation is a knowledge-based global foundation with a commitment to enrich and sustain the lives and livelihoods of poor and excluded people throughout the world. Through its grantmaking, an important focus of the Foundation is to help broaden the benefits and reduce the negative impacts of globalization for vulnerable communities.

A key current area of grantmaking is the promotion of intellectual property (IP) policies that account for development priorities and the needs of the poor. Recognizing that emerging international intellectual property (IP) policies do not adequately reflect or respond to the concerns of poor people and developing countries, the Rockefeller Foundation has begun a multi-year initiative to support the emergence of fairer, development-oriented IP policies.

The Foundation will support the call for a more balanced international IP policy framework by supporting initiatives to deepen analysis of the range of possible IP policy options, demonstrate innovative practical approaches to IP, build leadership among developing countries, NGOs and community groups, and broadening participation in international IP policymaking.

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Tsentsak Survival Foundation (*Cultura Shuar del Ecuador*)

The Tsentsak Survival Foundation (*Cultura Shuar del Ecuador*) was created with the unique goal to defend and promote the *Shaur* culture of the Amazonians of Ecuador. The Foundation aims to promote and investigate issues concerning the identity of future generations and to rescue and preserve traditional knowledge and cultural expressions which derive from the Amazonian regions.

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