

## **KEI's general statement for the first day of the IGC 51**

It is the view of KEI that separate instruments for traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions are more manageable, as the issues raised are significantly different, as are the nature of protections and rights that will be considered.

Furthermore, it may be easier to address some type of benefit sharing framework for genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge disclosed in patent applications, than for an instrument on the protection of traditional cultural expressions, or the broader issues regarding the protection of TK.

A narrow instrument on benefit sharing that complements the new 2024 WIPO treaty, would maintain the progress achieved last year, without prejudice to future negotiation on the broader agenda.