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WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND FOR ACCREDITED INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES: INFORMATION NOTE ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPORT

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This document contains information required to be reported to the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) on the operation of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities (“the Fund”). The rules are set out in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, which was approved by the WIPO General Assembly at its Thirty-Second Session in September 2005 and subsequently amended by the General Assembly at its Thirty-Ninth Session in September 2010.

Article 6(f) of the rules states:

- “(f) Before each Committee session, the WIPO Director General will communicate for the information of participants an information note setting out:
- (i) the level of the voluntary contributions paid into the Fund on the date on which the document was drafted;
 - (ii) the identity of the contributors (unless individual contributors have expressly requested to remain anonymous);
 - (iii) the amount of the resources available taking into account the funds disbursed;

- (iv) the list of people who have benefited from the Fund's support since the previous information memorandum;
- (v) the people chosen to benefit from the Fund but who withdrew;
- (vi) the amount of the support allocated to each beneficiary; and
- (vii) a sufficiently detailed description of the applicants seeking support for the following session.

This document will also be addressed by name to the members of the Advisory Board for examination and deliberation.”

The present document constitutes the forty-third such information note, as required by the decision of the WIPO General Assembly.

The information required to be communicated to the participants in the Fifty-First Session of the Committee is as follows:

Level of the voluntary contributions paid to the Fund until April 17, 2025, and names of the contributors:

86,092.60 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 500,000 Swedish crowns at the date) credited on November 7, 2006, by the Swedish International Biodiversity Programme (SwedBio/CBM);

31,684 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 20,000 Euros at the date) credited on December 20, 2006, by the Government of France;

29,992.50 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 25,000 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on March 27, 2007, by the Christensen Fund;

150,000 Swiss francs credited on June 8, 2007, by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Berne, Switzerland;

5,965.27 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 5,000 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on August 14, 2007, by the Ministry of Science and Technology, South Africa;

98,255.16 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 60,000 Euros at the date) credited on December 20, 2007, by the Government of Norway;

100,000 Swiss francs credited on February 7, 2008, by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Berne, Switzerland;

12,500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 13, 441 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on March 25, 2011, by the Ministry of Science and Technology, South Africa;

500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 573 United States of America dollars at the date) credited on May 10, 2011, by an anonymous contributor;

89,500 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 100,000 Australian dollars at the date) credited on October 20, 2011, by the Government of Australia;

15,000 Swiss francs credited on June 20, 2013 by the Government of Australia¹;

4,694.40 Swiss francs credited on June 20, 2013 by the Government of New Zealand;

37,835 Swiss francs credited on February 28, 2017 by the Government of Australia;

18,268.75 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 25,000 Canadian dollars at the date) credited on March 27, 2019, by the Government of Canada;

16,227.93 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date) credited on November 6, 2019, by the Government of Finland;

16,158.98 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date) credited on December 9, 2019, by the Government of Germany²;

14,233.70 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 15,000 euros at the date) credited on September 13, 2022, by the Government of Germany;

817.10 Swiss francs credited on March 3, 2023, on behalf of anonymous contributors, following up a call for voluntary contributions made by the Chair of the Committee during its Forty-Sixth Session;

29,795.36 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 50,000 Australian dollars at the date) credited on June 22, 2023 by the Government of Australia;

872.60 Swiss francs credited on July 4, 2023, on behalf of anonymous contributors, following up a call for voluntary contributions made by the Chair of the Committee during its Forty-Seventh Session;

8,239.99 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 167,555 Mexican pesos at the date) credited on August 7, 2023, by the *Instituto Nacional de los Pueblos Indígenas* of Mexico; and

18,518.24 Swiss francs (the equivalent of 20,000 euros at the date) credited on February 8, 2024, by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation, Spain.

Total amount of the voluntary contributions credited to the Fund until April 17, 2025:
784,369.36 Swiss francs.

Amount of the resources available:

- Amount available in the Fund on April 17, 2025, including bank fees and interest:
0.- Swiss francs.
- Amount committed in view of the Fifty-First session of the Committee:
No commitment made given the amount in the Fund available on April 17, 2025.
- Amount available in the Fund minus committed amount on April 17, 2025:
0.- Swiss francs.

¹ 782.22 Swiss francs were reimbursed on September 2, 2013, to the Government of Australia in accordance with the agreed terms for the use of the contribution made by the Government of Australia.

² 16,158.98 Swiss francs were reimbursed on January 8, 2021, to the Government of Germany in accordance with the agreed terms for the use of the contribution made by the Government of Germany.

List of persons who benefitted or were recommended for funding since the previous information note³:

Applicants who were recommended for funding, pending availability of funds, with the view to the Fiftieth session of the Committee⁴, but for whom no sufficient means were available on January 20, 2025 and who were not funded (in order of priority):

Edith BASTIDAS (Ms.)

Name of the invited observer NGO nominating the applicant: *Red Mujeres Indígenas sobre Biodiversidad* (RMIB)

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Panama City, Panama

Nationality of the applicant: Colombia

Mikhail TODYSHEV (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the applicant: Elders Council of the Shor People

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Novokuznetsk, Russian Federation

Nationality of the applicant: Russian Federation

Nongpoklai SINHA (Ms.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the candidate: Ethnic Community Development Organization (ECDO)

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Sylhet, Bangladesh

Nationality of the applicant: Bangladesh

Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the applicant: ADJMOR

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Timbuktu, Mali

Nationality of the applicant: Mali

Applicants who were recommended for funding, pending availability of funds, with the view to the Fifty-First Session of the Committee⁵, but for whom no sufficient means were available on April 17, 2025 (in order of priority):

Obianuju AWAN (Mrs.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the applicant: Paul Awan Initiative for Development

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Calabar, Nigeria

Nationality of the applicant: Nigeria

Manu CADDIE (Mr.)

Name of the invited observer NGO nominating the applicant: Aotearoa Indigenous Rights Charitable Trust

Seat of the invited observer NGO: Ruatoria, New Zealand

Nationality of the applicant: New Zealand

María Eugenia CHOQUE QUISPE (Mrs.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the applicant: *Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara* (CEM-Aymara)

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: La Paz, Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

Nationality of the applicant: Bolivia (Plurinational State of)

³ See document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/50/INF/4 dated January 22, 2025.

⁴ See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/49/INF/6 dated December 5, 2024.

⁵ See the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/50/INF/6 dated March 6, 2025.

Ngwang Sonam SHERPA (Mr.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the candidate: Green Forum Nepal (GFN)

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Bakhundole, Lalitpur, Nepal

Nationality of the applicant: Nepal

Irina KURILOVA (Mrs.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the applicant: Centre for Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North/Russian Indigenous Training Centre (CSIPN/RITC)

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Moscow, Russian Federation

Nationality of the applicant: Russian Federation

Expenditures made by the Fund in relation to the Fiftieth session of the Committee:

None.

Commitments with the view to the Fifty-First Session of the Committee:

None.

List of the applicants seeking support with the view to the Fifty-Second Session of the Committee (pending the renewal of the mandate of the Committee by the WIPO General Assembly):

Jennifer Tauli CORPUZ (Mrs.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the candidate:

Tebtebba Foundation – Indigenous Peoples' International Center for Policy Research and Education

Seat of the invited nominating NGO: Baguio City, Philippines

Nationality of the applicant: Philippines

Nihal KADIOĞLU ÇEVİK (Mrs.)

Name of the accredited observer NGO nominating the candidate:

Kültürel Araştırmalar Vakfı (KAV)/Cultural Research Foundation

Seat of the accredited observer NGO: Karşıyaka/İzmir, Türkiye

Nationality of the applicant: Türkiye

The Committee is invited to take note of the content of this document.

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