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ADDENDUM TO ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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1. The Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/2, entitled “Accreditation of Certain Non-Governmental Organizations”, lists a number of non-governmental organizations which requested, before April 15, 2005, 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.
2. The Annex to the present document lists additional organizations, which, subsequent to April 15, 2005, 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/8/2, entitled “Accreditation of Certain Non-Governmental Organizations”.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

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

Associação Paulista da Propriedade Intelectual (ASPI)

The Fridtjof Nansen Institute (NFI)

Graduate Institute for Development Studies (GREG)

Associação Paulista da Propriedade Intelectual (ASPI)

Main objectives and activities of the Organization:

Established in 1983, the ASPI, São Paulo Association of the Industrial Property, includes IP professionals, in practice as well as in companies, associations and universities, in Brazil and elsewhere. Its mission has been to promote IP awareness and to cooperate especially in the training of the professionals who act in the area, by organizing courses, lectures, seminars and study groups. ASPI collaborates with ABAPI - Brazilian Association of Industrial Property Agents; ABPI - Brazilian IP Association and IBPI - Brazilian IP Institute, objectifying the nip of the relationship between the entities of same types. The aim of ASPI is to open to its associates valuable chances to remain in permanent contact with the most current trends and agreements concerning legal, social, cultural questions and economic politics.

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The Fridtjof Nansen Institute (NFI)

Main objectives of the Organization

The Fridtjof Nansen Foundation at Polhøgda was established in 1958 “to assume responsibility for and manage the property of Polhøgda” and “to conduct or support research in connection with interests related to those of Fridtjof Nansen.” The Foundation still holds this responsibility, but in 1984 the Board decided that the Foundation’s research organization should operate as the Fridtjof Nansen Institute (NFI). In the 1960s and 1970s, research at Polhøgda concentrated on the potential for cooperation and conflict in the polar areas. The perspective was gradually broadened, and from the mid-1980s, the common denominator of FNI research has been international environmental, resource management and energy politics, and the effectiveness of international cooperation in these fields. Within this framework the Institute has developed special competence in a wide area of themes and issues. The main aim has been to identify the interests, institutions and processes that influence the management of environmental and natural resources from the global to the local level. The Institute is engaged in academic research, in contract and consultancy work, as well as in evaluations.

Main activities of the Organization and relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

The research activities are organized as three programs: *The Programme for European Environmental and Energy Studies; The Polar Programme and The Programme for Global Environmental and Resource Management Problems.*

The central theme and collective aim of the *The Programme for Global Environmental and Resource Management Problems* is to study how the international community, through international regimes and organizations, is able to manage global environmental and resource management problems. An important goal is, on the basis of the analyses that are carried out at the Institute, to be able to make concrete proposals for the improvement of the system. The Institute has ongoing research projects in the field of biological diversity; also with the particular focus on the relationship between intellectual property rights and management of biological diversity. Three projects are focusing particularly on intellectual property rights: Intellectual Property Rights to Living Organisms—a path for a *sui generis* system; A Legal Analysis of Public Domain for Genetic Resources in Norway; and Legal Protection of Rights to Animal Genes, Animal Breeds and Related Novel Knowledge: The Case of Swine-Breeding.

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Graduate Institute for Development Studies (GREG)

Main objectives of the Organization:

GREG is a research team, which is part of the Graduate Institute of Development Studies (Iuéd Geneva). Created in 1961, under the name “Institut Africain de Genève”, the Iuéd Geneva has the main objective of promoting teaching and research concerning development and to encourage students from the South. Its vision is to raise questions in their globality and diversity (social, economic, environmental) and to strengthen links between theory and experience, reflection and action. The Graduate Institute of Development Studies is attached to the University of Geneva. Nevertheless, it is an independent foundation.

The GREG was created in 1999 by Marc Hufty. It aims at a) offering exchange and work space for IUED researchers and students dealing with governance and environment crossed issue; b) offering interface with external institutions and researchers working with the same issues.

Main activities of the Organization:

The main activities are a) organizing and attending scientific meetings, b) providing weekly encounters for its about 10 members, c) supporting research-actions.

The general problematic can be summarized by the following. Some renewable natural resources issues are perceived to be global environmental problems. Since the 1990s, these issues have been increasingly institutionalized, including the creation of international and national legal instruments, specialized organizations and for a, and financial programs. This process will have important effects on Southern countries development schemes. It is already influencing priorities in North-South trade, aid flows, projects, programs, and mechanisms. GREG works mainly on the following issues of forests governance and economic use, traditional knowledge, IPR, land use, conservation under protected areas and indigenous peoples' relations with those topics.

Some hypothesis, related to norm creation, transmission and appropriation dynamics at the global, international, national and local levels, are being elaborated and tested empirically in different fields.

As today, several projects are worked, as by instance, “*Governance of Biodiversity*” (Sub-project of NCCR-NS-IP8, financed by SNF and SDC, Switzerland); “*People and Protected Areas*” (NCCR NS-IP8, financed by SNF and SDC, Switzerland), “*Fiscal incentives for community forestry towards procedural legitimacy in co-management of forests by multiple stakeholders*”; “*Institutional Dimension of Biodiversity in Madagascar*”, etc.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

The question of Intellectual property is a key issue for protection of traditional knowledge, and traditional knowledge is a key issue for protection of biodiversity. This link is one of the main research of the GREG, especially for some scholars. Doctor Marc Galvin has defended

in 2004 a PhD thesis dealing with the Peruvian law on traditional knowledge protection voted in 2002. Doctor Elisabeth Reichel is a specialist of traditional ecological knowledge and she has written several important publications in relation with IPRs. Doctor David Dumoulin studies the networks of actors involved in international fora and dealing with IPR.

It has been decided to focus more specifically on WIPO, UNCTAD and WTO during the next two years. That is why it is very important for GREG to have access to the WIPO process.

Additional Information:

The GREG is managing since April 2005 in Amazonia (Peru and Bolivia) a project named “Institucionalización de la transmisión de saberes ecológicos locales en el cuadro de un programa de educación bilingüe en zona amazónica”. This experience aims to support and strengthen the protection of traditional knowledge.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active:

South America (Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Paraguay), Madagascar, Burkina Faso.

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