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ROUNDTABLE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Geneva, November 1 and 2, 1999

PROGRAM

prepared by the International Bureau

Monday, November 1, 1999

09:30 Opening address by the representative of the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

09:45 Opening address by the Chairperson

SESSION I

10:00 – 10:30 Topic 1: An Introduction to WIPO's Work on Emerging Intellectual Property Issues

Speaker: Mr. Richard Owens, Director, Global Intellectual Property Issues Division, WIPO

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:30 Topic 2: What is Traditional Knowledge? Why Should it be Protected? Who Should Protect It? For Whom?: Understanding the Value Chain

Speaker: Professor Michael Blakeney, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London

11:30 – 12:45 Discussion

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch

SESSION II

14:15 – 15:00 Topic 3: Traditional Knowledge: A Holder's Practical Perspective

Speaker: Shri Sundaram Varma, Society for Research and Initiative for Sustainable Technologies and Institutions (SRISTI), Ahmedabad, India

15:00 – 16:15 Discussion

- 16:15 – 17:00 Topic 4: Access to and Use of Traditional Knowledge: A User's Practical Perspective
- Speaker: Mr. Bo Hammer Jensen, Principal Patent Counsel, Corporate Strategy, Corporate Patents, Novo Nordisk, Bagsvaerd, Denmark
- 17:00 – 18:15 Discussion
- 18:15 Reception

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

SESSION III

- 09:00 – 10:00 Topic 5: Efforts at Protecting Traditional Knowledge:
- (i) The Experience of the Philippines
- Speaker: Mr. David Daoas, Attorney, Chairperson, Commission for Indigenous Peoples' Rights, President's Office, Manila
- (ii) The Experience of Peru
- Speaker: Mrs. Begonia Venero Aguirre, Head of Patents, National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property (INDECOPI), Lima
- 10:00 - 11:15 Discussion
- 11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

SESSION IV

- 11:30 – 13:00 Statements by representatives of Governments
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00 Statements by representatives of holders of traditional knowledge
- 16:00 – 16:15 Coffee

16:15 – 17:45 Statements by representatives of non-governmental organizations and the private sector

17:45 Closing Remarks

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