

**Assemblies of Member States of WIPO  
Forty-First (21st Extraordinary) Session  
October 1 to 9, 2012  
Matters Concerning the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and  
Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore  
Agenda Item 27**

**DECISION**

The WIPO General Assembly took note of the information contained in document WO/GA/41/15, and agreed as follows:

In accordance with the mandate of the IGC for 2012/2013, the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO agree to continue intensive negotiations and engagement in good faith, with appropriate representation, towards concluding the text(s) of an international legal instrument(s) which will ensure effective protection of GRs, TK and TCEs, and decide:

- (a) The work of the Committee will be carried out through three thematic IGC sessions as set out in the table below.
- (b) The work will build on the existing texts submitted by the IGC to the General Assembly (Annex A, Annex B, and Annex C of document WO/GA/41/15).
- (c) The Committee is requested to submit to the 2013 General Assembly the text(s) of an international legal instrument(s) which will ensure the effective protection of GRs, TK and TCEs. The General Assembly in 2013 will take stock of and consider the text(s), progress made and decide on convening a diplomatic conference.
- (d) The work of the IGC shall follow the program set out below:

Provisional Date	Activity
February 2013	IGG 23 - Genetic Resources (5 days)
April/May 2013	IGC 24 – Traditional Knowledge. With a focus on, but not limited to, 4 key Articles <i>viz</i> Subject Matter of Protection, Beneficiaries, Scope of Protection and Limitations and Exceptions (5 days)
July 2013	IGC 25 – Traditional cultural expressions. With a focus on, but not limited to, 4 key Articles <i>viz</i> Subject Matter of Protection, Beneficiaries, Scope of Protection and Limitations and Exceptions (5 days)  Review and take stock of the text(s) of the International legal instrument(s) ensuring the effective protection of TCEs, TK, and GRs and make a recommendation to the General Assembly (3 days)
October 2013	WIPO General Assembly  Decide on convening a diplomatic conference