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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE

Fifteenth Session
Geneva, December 7 to 11, 2009

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PANEL OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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1. At its seventh session, the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore ('the Committee') agreed "that, immediately before the commencement of the sessions of the Committee, half-day panel presentations should be organized, chaired by a representative from a local or indigenous community". These panels have since been organized for each Committee session convened since 2005, namely the eighth to the fourteenth sessions.
2. The panel presentation for the fifteenth session has been organized in a manner similar to the panel presentations on traditional cultural expressions (TCEs) at the fourth session of the Committee and on traditional knowledge (TK) at the fifth session, as well as the first seven panels in this series, which were convened between the eighth and fourteenth sessions.
3. In line with previous panels, the theme of the panel at the fifteenth session will be: Indigenous and Local Community Initiatives in Protecting Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources: Applying the Practical Lessons of Community Experience.
4. The Annex contains the provisional program of the panel and suggested talking points for the panelists.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE PANEL SESSION

Monday, December 7, 2009

10.00 – 10.30 Opening

Chair – (to be identified by the WIPO Indigenous People's Caucus)

10.30 – 11.30 First session:

Mr. Devi Prasad Mazumder, Organization for Social Action and Development (OSAD), Dhaka, Bangladesh

Ms. Lucia Fernanda Inacio Belfort, Instituto Indígena Brasileira da Propriedade Intelectual (INBRAPI), Brasilia, Brazil

Mr. Preston Hardisson, Tulalip Tribes of Washington Government Affairs Department, Tulalip Tribes, Seattle, Washington, United States of America

11.30 – 11.50 Break

11.50 – 12.30 Second session:

Mr. Rodion Sulyandziga, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON), Moscow, Russian Federation

Ms. Haman Hajara, Meanitur de Nyom, Yaounde, Cameroon

12.30 – 13.00 Floor discussion

13.00 Closing of panel

Suggested talking points for panelists

Nature of TK/TCEs/GR

Outline the nature of traditional knowledge (TK) and/or traditional cultural expressions (TCEs), as well as genetic resources (GR), which are held by your community, and their importance to the cultural identity, community life, and sustainable relationship with the environment of your community.

Customary law and practices

Describe the role of customary law, practices and protocols in sustaining and safeguarding your TK, TCEs and GR.

Misappropriation and misuse

Describe, from your community's perspective, practical experiences with misappropriation and misuse of TK/TCEs/GR, including concerns about lack of external understanding of and respect for customary law and community values.

Community responses

Outline your community's responses to the problem of misappropriation and community initiatives to safeguard and sustain TK/TCEs/GR, including practical, legal, educational, and social responses.

Needs and expectations

Outline the needs and expectations of your community, within the national system and beyond, including within the international community.

Lessons for the Intergovernmental Committee

Based on your community's experience, needs and expectations, what should the Committee pay most attention to in its work? How can its work better meet the needs and expectations of your community?

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