

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

Eighteenth Session
May 9 to 13, 2011, Geneva

**VOLUNTARY FUND FOR ACCREDITED INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES
DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD**

Information Note prepared by the Director General

1. The arrangements establishing the WIPO Voluntary Fund (“the Fund”), as approved by the General Assembly, are contained in the Annex to Document WO/GA/39/11. Article 6(i) of the Decision states:

“The Advisory Board will adopt its recommendation before the end of the Committee session on the margins of which it meets. This recommendation will identify:
 - (i) the subsequent Committee session and, should the case arise, the IWG meeting(s) intended for financial support (i.e., the subsequent session of the Committee),
 - (ii) the applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for that session and/or the IWG meeting(s), for whom funds are available,
 - (iii) any applicant or applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported in principle but for whom insufficient funds are available,
 - (iv) any applicant or applicants whose application has been rejected in accordance with the procedure in Article 10,
 - (v) any applicant or applicants whose application has been postponed until the next session of the Committee in accordance with the procedure in Article 10.
The Advisory Board will immediately forward the contents of the recommendation of the Director General who will take a decision in accordance with the recommendation. The Director General will inform the Committee immediately and, in any case, prior to the end of its current session, by means of an information note specifying the decision taken concerning each applicant.”
2. Accordingly, the Secretariat wishes to communicate the report and recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board at the conclusion of its meeting held on the margins of the eighteenth session of the Committee. This Report is attached in the Annex.
3. The Committee is advised that in accordance with Article 6(d) of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11 as approved by the General Assembly (39nd session), and in view of recommendations (a), (b), c(iii) and c(iv) adopted by the Advisory Board, the Director General has adopted the decisions recommended by the Advisory Board.
4. Furthermore, the Director General will take the recommended decisions in accordance with recommendations c(i) and c(ii) as adopted by the Advisory Board, based on the funds that will be available in the Fund after the closing of all the expenditures regarding the Intersessional Working Groups on TK and GR.
5. The Director General has taken due note of the remaining contents of the report of the Advisory Board.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX
WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND
ADVISORY BOARD
REPORT

1. The Advisory Board of the WIPO Voluntary Fund, whose members were appointed by decision of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) during its eighteenth session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its tenth meeting from May 9 to 13, 2011 under the chairmanship of Mr. Vladimir YOSSFIOV, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the eighteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee.
2. The members of the Advisory Board met in accordance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11.
3. Recalling Article 5(a) of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11, the Advisory Board took note of the financial situation of the Fund as described in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/INF/4 dated March 29, 2011, which was distributed before the opening of the eighteenth session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 22,813.99 Swiss francs on the same date. Furthermore, the Advisory Board was informed by the WIPO Secretariat of the last-minute withdrawal of Mr. Nadir ADILOV who was recommended for funding in view of the eighteenth session of the Committee. An amount of money of 4,322 Swiss francs had been committed for his participation in the said session, according to the information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/INF/4.
4. Accordingly, the Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on the consideration of the list of twenty-eight applicants from six geo-cultural regions as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/INF/4 as well as of the content of the applications of those applicants, and in accordance with Article 6 (i) of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11:
 - (i) future session intended for financial support in accordance with Article 5(e): nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee.
 - (ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for that session and for whom funds are available: (five applicants, in alphabetical order)

Mr. Nadir ADILOV

Mr. Albert DETERVILLE

Ms. Kathy HODGSON-SMITH

Mr. Joseph OLESARIOYO

Mr. Ngwang SONAM SHERPA

- (iii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported in principle for the nineteenth session of the Committee and for whom funds might not be available according to a cost estimate provided by the Secretariat: (one applicant)

Ms. Lucia Fernanda INACIO BELFORT

- (iv) applicants whose applications have been rejected: (in alphabetical order)

Ms. Patricia ADJEI

Mr. Priya Siddhartha ASHOK
Ms. Christine Verdin CONNOR
Ms. Edna Maria DA COSTA E SILVA
Mr. Fortunato ESCOBAR MAMANI
Ms. Fawsia Yousif GLALELDIN
Mr. Preston HARDISON
Mr. Hassan ID BALKASSM
Ms. William Ernest KIVUYO
Ms. Jackline KURARU
Mr. Arnold Christopher LAISSER
Ms. Irene LESHORE
Ms. Jane Naini MERIWAS
Ms. Thaissa OLIVEIRA PINHEIRO
Mr. Jean PIPITE
Mr. Stephen RWAGWERI
Mr. Charles SALIL KIPLANGAT
Mr. Lakshmikanta SINGH
Ms. Marcia STEWART
Ms. Polina SHULBAEVA
Mr. Santos TZORIN JULAJUJ
Mr. Miguel Antonio VALBUENA GUAURIYU

The content of the present report and the recommendations it contains will be forwarded to the Director General of WIPO following its adoption by the members of the Advisory Board in accordance with Article 6(i) last paragraph of the Annex to document WIPO/GA/39/11.

Done in Geneva, May 11, 2011

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The members of the Advisory Board:

Mr. Vladimir YOSSIFOV, Consultant, Permanent Mission of Bulgaria, Geneva, Chair of the Advisory Board, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio*, [signed] and in alphabetical order:

Ms. Nina S DJAJAPRAWIRA, Counselor, Permanent Mission of Indonesia [Absent]

Mr. Martin GIRSBERGER, Head, Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property [signed]

Mr. Juan Carlos JINTIACH, Coordination of the Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin [signed]

Mr. Mandixole MATROOS, Permanent Mission of South Africa [signed]

Ms. Ali Aii SHATU, MBOSCUDA [signed]

Mr. John T. SOLBAKK, SamiKopijja [signed]

Mr. Emin TEYMUROV, Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan [signed]

Ms. Zereth del Carmen TORRES MÉNDEZ (Sra.), Attorney Negotiator, International Trade Negotiations Division, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Panama [signed]

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