

Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore

Nineteenth Session
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BRIEF SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS

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I. WORKING DOCUMENTS FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION

1. The following is a brief summary of the documents prepared or due to be prepared for the nineteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (the “Committee”) as at June 27, 2011. Each of these documents, as well as any additional documents, will be posted as soon as they are finalized at: <http://www.wipo.int/tk>.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/1 Prov. 3: Draft Agenda for the Nineteenth Session

2. This document contains the proposed items to be dealt with by the Committee, and is submitted to the Committee for possible adoption.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/2: Accreditation of Certain Organizations

3. This document sets out the names, contact details and aims and objectives of organizations which have applied to the Committee for accreditation as *ad hoc* observers to future sessions of the Committee.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/3: Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities: Voluntary Contribution Fund

4. The WIPO General Assembly has established a “WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities”. The decision was taken on the basis of document WO/GA/32/6, as amended by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2010, which sets out the objectives and operation of the Fund. This document refers to the appointment of the Fund’s Advisory Board, and provides information on the fund-raising drive initiated by the Secretariat. The required information note providing details of contributions received and beneficiaries is circulated in parallel as document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/4.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/4: The Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: Draft Articles

5. At the eighteenth session of the Committee (IGC 18), “[t]he Committee took note of the text of the draft articles on traditional cultural expressions prepared by the open-ended informal drafting group established by the Committee, based on WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/4 Rev... [and] requested that the text be made available as a working document for the Committee at its next session”.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/5: The Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Draft Articles

6. At IGC 18, “[t]he Committee took note of the text of the draft articles on traditional knowledge prepared by the open-ended informal drafting group established by the Committee, based on WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/7...[and] requested that the text be made available as a working document for the Committee at its next session”.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/6: Draft Objectives and Principles Relating to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources

7. At IGC 18, “[t]he Committee took note of the text of the draft objectives and principles on intellectual property and genetic resources prepared by the open-ended informal drafting group established by the Committee, based on WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/9...[and] requested that the text be made available as a working document for the Committee at its next session”.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/7: Options for Future Work on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources:

8. At IGC 18, “[t]he Committee...discussed options for future work on intellectual property and genetic resources, based on WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/10”. The present document is a re-issue of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/10.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/8: Recommendations of the Second Session of Like Minded Countries Meeting on the Protection of Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore

9. The Permanent Mission of Indonesia, on behalf of the representatives of the like minded countries that participated at the Second Session of Like Minded Countries Meeting on the Protection of Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (Bali, Indonesia, June 27 to 30, 2011), requested the Secretariat to make available the recommendations from the said meeting as a working document for the nineteenth session of the Committee.

II. INFORMATION DOCUMENTS FOR THE NINETEENTH SESSION

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/1 Prov.: List of Participants

10. A draft list of participants will be circulated at the nineteenth session.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/2 Rev. Brief Summary of Documents

11. The present document, prepared as an informal guide to the Committee's documentation.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/3: Draft Program for the Nineteenth Session

12. In line with the Committee's request at its tenth session, this document sets out a suggested program, identifying possible timing for each agenda item. This draft program is indicative only, and the actual organization of work of the Committee would be determined by the Chair and its members in line with the rules of procedure.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/4: Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities: Information Note on Contributions and Applications for Support

13. This document sets out information required to be reported to the Committee on the operation of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities. The rules are set out in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, as approved by the WIPO General Assembly at its 32nd session and subsequently amended by the WIPO General Assembly in September 2010. In particular, it gives information on contributions received or pledged, and actual support provided to representatives of accredited indigenous and local communities.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/5: Information Note for the Panel of Indigenous and Local Communities

14. Following a decision of the Committee at its seventh session, each session of the Committee commences with a panel chaired by a member of an indigenous community. The panel was held at the commencement of the previous eleven sessions of the Committee. On each occasion, representatives of indigenous and local communities gave presentations on their communities' experiences and concerns in relation to TCEs, TK and GRs or on a specific theme related to the IGC's negotiations. The presentations are available on WIPO's site at http://www.wipo.int/tk/en/ngoparticipation/ind_loc_com/index.html. This document sets out the proposed practical arrangements for the panel at the nineteenth session.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/6: Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities: Decisions taken by the Director General in accordance with the Recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board

15. This information note will inform the Committee on the decisions on funding that the Director General will take in accordance with the recommendation that the Advisory Board of the Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities may adopt on the margins of the nineteenth session of the Committee.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/7: Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Traditional Cultural Expressions

16. At IGC 18, “[t]he Committee invited the Secretariat to re-publish the glossary on intellectual property and traditional cultural expressions (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/INF/7) as an information document for the next session of the Committee”.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/8: Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge

17. At IGC 18, “[t]he Committee invited the Secretariat to re-publish the glossary on intellectual property and traditional knowledge (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/INF/8) as an information document for the next session of the Committee”.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/9: Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources

18. At IGC 18, “[t]he Committee invited the Secretariat to re-publish the glossary on intellectual property and genetic resources (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/INF/9) as an information document for the next session of the Committee”.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/10: Submission by Oman: Report on the International Technical Symposium on Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development: Documentation and Registration of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions

19. This document contains the Report prepared by the Sultanate of Oman on the International Technical Symposium on Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development: Documentation and Registration of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions (Muscat, Oman, June 26 to 29, 2011). The Secretariat was requested to make the said Report available as an information document for the nineteenth session of the Committee.

III. OTHER DOCUMENTS

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/17/INF/8: Note on Meanings of the Term “Public Domain” in the Intellectual Property System with special reference to the Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions/Expressions of Folklore

20. At IGC 16, the Committee invited the Secretariat to prepare and make available for IGC 17, “a technical information document on the meanings of the term “public domain” in the intellectual property system, with special reference to the protection of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions”.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/17/INF/9: List and Brief Technical Explanation of Various Forms in which Traditional Knowledge May Be Found

21. At IGC 16, the Committee invited the Secretariat to prepare and make available, as an information document, for IGC 17, “a list and brief technical explanation of various forms in which traditional knowledge may be found (such as ‘codified/non-codified’, ‘disclosed’/‘non-disclosed’)”.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/11/10: Declaration of the Source of Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge in Patent Applications: Proposals by Switzerland

22. This document provides the text of a proposal by Switzerland.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/11/11: Additional Explanation from Japan Regarding document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/9/13 on the Patent System and Genetic Resources

23. This document provides an additional explanation from Japan regarding document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/9/13 on the patent system and genetic resources.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/9/13: The Patent System and Genetic Resources

24. At IGC 9, the Delegation of Japan submitted a working document in relation to genetic resources.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/11: Disclosure of Origin or Source of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in Patent Applications: document submitted by the European Community and its Member States

25. This document provides the text of a proposal submitted on behalf of the European Community and its Member States at IGC 8.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/9/INF/4: The Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions/Expressions of Folklore: Updated Draft Outline of Policy Options and Legal Mechanisms

26. At IGC 9, the Committee commissioned the development and updating of an outline of policy options and legal mechanisms for the protection of TCEs. This document is a revised draft requested by the Committee. The document provides information on the policy options and legal mechanisms that national and regional legal systems have employed to give effect to the kind of draft objectives and principles developed in WIPO/GRTKF/IC/9/4 (now WIPO/GRTKF/IC/17/4). An outline of policy options and legal mechanisms may serve as an information resource to assist in the choice of appropriate mechanisms to achieve policy objectives and to implement principles such as those set out for consideration in WIPO/GRTKF/IC/9/4 (now WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/4).

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/9/INF/5: The Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Updated Draft Outline of Policy Options and Legal Mechanisms

27. At IGC 9 commissioned the development and updating of an outline of policy options and legal mechanisms for the protection of traditional knowledge (TK). This document is a revised draft requested by the Committee. The document provides information on the policy options and legal mechanisms that national and regional legal systems have employed to give effect to the kind of draft objectives and principles developed in WIPO/GRTKF/IC/9/5 (now WIPO/GRTKF/IC/17/5). An outline of policy options and legal mechanisms may serve as an information resource to assist in the choice of appropriate mechanisms to achieve policy objectives and to implement principles such as those set out for consideration in WIPO/GRTKF/IC/9/5 (now WIPO/GRTKF/IC/18/5).

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/13/4(B) Rev.: The Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: Draft Gap Analysis

28. This document comprises the draft gap analysis on the protection of TCEs, prepared for the Committee together with draft Revised Objectives and Principles for the Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions and an agreed List of Issues concerning the protection of TCEs.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/13/5(B) Rev.: The Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Draft Gap Analysis

29. This document comprises the draft gap analysis on the protection of TK, prepared for the Committee together with draft Revised Objectives and Principles for the Protection of Traditional Knowledge and an agreed List of Issues concerning the protection of TK.

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