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

Twentieth Session February 14 to 22, 2012, 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 to 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 twentieth 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 (39<sup>nd</sup> session), and in view of recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 (iii) and 4 (iv) adopted by the Advisory Board, the Director General has adopted the decisions recommended by the Advisory Board.
- 4. 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 twentieth
  - \* Session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its twelfth meeting from February 14 to 22, 2012, under the chairmanship of Ms. Alexandra GRAZIOLI, member \* ex officio, on the margins of the wentieth session of the 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. Mr. Estebancio CASTRO DIAZ, appointed member of the Advisory Board, did not participate in the deliberations and abstained from voting on his respective application for support by the Fund, in accordance with Article 11 of the said Annex.
- 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/20/INF/5 dated December 19, 2011, which was distributed before the opening of the twentieth session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 63,875.37 Swiss francs on the same date.
- 4. Accordingly, the Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on the consideration of the list of twenty-three applicants from six socio-cultural regions as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/INF/5 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): next session of the Committee.
  - (ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for that session and for whom sufficient funds are currently available: (six applicants, in alphabetical order)
  - Mr. Tomas ALARCON EYZAGUIRRE
  - Mr. Nadir BEKIROV
  - Mr. Estebancio CASTRO DIAZ
  - Mr. Joseph OGIERIAKHI
  - Ms. Lucky SHERPA
  - Ms. Tarisi VUNDILO
  - (iii) applicants whose application has been postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board until the next session of the Committee: (in alphabetical order)
  - Mr. Casimir Chukwunonyelum Kingston ANI
  - Mr. Albert DETERVILLE
  - Mrs. Fawsia Yousif GLALELDIN

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Ms. Debra HARRY

Ms. Nadejda PECHENINA

Mr. Ngwang SONAM SHERPA

Mr. Santos TZORIN JULAJUJ

Mr. Greg YOUNGING

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

Mr. Babagana ABUBAKAR

Ms. Jane ANDERSON

Mrs. Edna Maria DA COSTA E SILVA

Mr. Preston HARDISON

Mr. Stephen RWAGWERI

Mr. Charles K. SALIL

Ms. Solandry D'Alfonso SANCHEZ VALBUENA

Ms. Nongpoklai SINHA

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.

5. The Advisory Board wishes to recommend to the WIPO Director General to reiterate the invitation to all funded participants to submit a structured and brief report about their own participation in the meeting for which they have been funded. Such report may be annexed to their application for due consideration by the Advisory Board, should those funded participants decide to reapply for funding.

Done in Geneva, February 17, 2012

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The members of the Advisory Board:

Ms. Alexandra GRAZIOLI, Senior Legal Advisor, International Trade Relations, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Bern, Chair of the Advisory Board, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio*, [signed] and in alphabetical order:

Mr. Estebancio CASTRO DIAZ, Consultant, International Indian Treaty Council (IITC), Panama City, Panama [signed]

Mr. Clinton DENGATE, Executive Officer, International Intellectual Property, Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, Australia [signed]

Mr. Mandixole MATROOS, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa, Geneva [signed]

Ms. Zoraida RODRÍGUEZ MONTENEGRO, Legal Counselor, Permanent Mission of Panama, Geneva [signed]

Mrs. Maria ROJNEVSCHI, Director, Promotion and Publishing Department, State Agency on Intellectual Property, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova [signed]

Ms. Larisa SIMONOVA, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT), Moscow, Russian Federation [signed]

Mr. Rodion SULYANDZIGA, First Vice-President, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON), Moscow [signed]

Ms. Saoudata WALET ABOUBACRINE, President, Tin-Hinan, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso [signed]

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