

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

Twenty-First Session
April 16 to 20, 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 Twenty-First 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 (39th 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.

[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 Twenty-First Session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its thirteenth meeting on April 17, 2012, under the chairmanship of Ms. Alexandra GRAZIOLI, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the Twenty-First 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. Tomás Alarcón Eyzaguirre, 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/21/INF/5 dated March 2, 2012, which was distributed before the opening of the Twenty-First Session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 45,510.67 Swiss francs on February 29, 2012.
4. Accordingly, the Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on the consideration of the list of nineteen applicants from six geo-cultural regions as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/21/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):
Twenty-Second 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. Casimir Chukwunonyelum Kingston ANI

Mr. Albert DETERVILLE

Mrs. Kathy HODGSON-SMITH

Mr. Lakshmikanta SINGH

Mr. Rodion SULYANDZIGA

Mr. Jim WALKER

- (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. Tomás ALARCÓN EYZAGUIRRE

Mrs. Fawsia Yousif GALALELDIN

Ms. Lucia Fernanda INACIO BELFORT

Ms. Solandry D'Alfonso SANCHEZ VALBUENA

Mr. Ngwang SONAM SHERPA

Mr. Miguel Antonio VALBUENA GUAURIYU

Mr. Greg YOUNGING

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

Mr. Francis Xavier GICHURU

Mr. Kossomi MOUSSA

Ms. Nadejda PECHENINA

Ms. Nongpoklai SINHA

Mrs. Marcia STEWART

Mr. Santos TZORIN JULAJUJ

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, April 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, Switzerland, Chair of the Advisory Board, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio* [signed],

and in alphabetical order:

Mr. Tomás ALARCÓN EYZAGUIRRE, President, *Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos* (CAPAJ), Tucna, Peru [signed]

Mrs. Leilene Marie CARANTES-GALLARDO, Consultant, Tebtebba Foundation, Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education, Baguio City, Philippines [signed]

Ms. Edwina LEWIS, Assistant Director, International Policy and Cooperation Section, IP Australia, Canberra, Australia [signed]

Mrs. Ewa LISOWSKA, Senior Policy Advisor, International Cooperation Division, Patent Office for the Republic of Poland, Warsaw, Poland [signed]

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

Mr. Juan Camilo SARETZKI, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Colombia, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Kijoong SONG, Deputy Director, Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), Daejeon, Republic of Korea [signed]

Mrs. Tarisi VUNIDILO, Secretary-General, Pacific Islands Museum Association (PIMA), Port Villa, Vanuatu [signed]

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