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Twenty-Fourth Session
Geneva, April 22 to 26, 2013

DECISIONS OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

Adopted by the Committee

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 2:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair submitted the draft agenda circulated as WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/1 Prov. 2 for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3:

ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee unanimously approved the accreditation of all the organizations listed in the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/2 as *ad hoc* observers, namely: African Cultural Center INC (ACC); Centro de Estudios Multidisciplinarios Aymara (CEM-Aymara) (*Center for Multidisciplinary Studies Aymara*) (CEM-Aymara); Centro de Promoción y Desarrollo Rural Amazónico – (CEPODRA) (*Center for Promotion and Rural Development of the Amazon*) (CEPODRA); Coordinadora Andina de Organizaciones Indígenas (CAOI) (*Andean Coordinating Body for Indigenous Organizations*); EcoLomics International; German Research Foundation Graduate School “Intellectual Property and Public Domain” at the University of Bayreuth; Initiative for the Development of Africa (IDA); and, SELARL Smeth and Younes.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 4:

PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Committee took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/3, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/6.

The Committee strongly encouraged and called upon members of the Committee and all interested public or private entities to contribute to the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities.

The Chair proposed, and the Committee elected by acclamation, the following eight members of the Advisory Board to serve in an individual capacity: Mr. Babagana ABUBAKAR, representative, *Kanuri* Development Association, Nigeria; Mr. Steven BAILIE, Assistant Director, International Policy and Cooperation Section, IP Australia, Canberra, Australia; Mr. Arsen BOGATYREV, Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, Geneva; Mr. Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE, representative, *Asociación Kunas unidos por Napguana/Association of Kunas United for Mother Earth* (KUNA), Panama; Mrs. Natasha GOONERATNE, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, Geneva; Mr. Mandixole MATROOS, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa, Geneva; Mr. Justin SOBION, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago, Geneva; and, Mr. Jim WALKER, representative, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA), Brisbane, Australia. The Chair of the Committee nominated Ms. Alexandra Grazioli, Vice-Chair of the Committee, to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5:

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The Committee developed, on the basis of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/4, a further text, "The Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Draft Articles Rev. 2". The Committee decided that this text, as at the close of the session on April 26, 2013, be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly taking place in September 2013, in accordance with the Committee's mandate contained in document WO/GA/40/7 and the work program for 2013 as contained in document WO/GA/41/18.

The Committee also took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/5, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/6 Rev., WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/7, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/7 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/INF/8.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 7:

CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Committee adopted its decisions on agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 on April 26, 2013. It agreed that a draft written report, containing the agreed text of these decisions and all interventions made to the Committee, would be prepared and circulated before June 4, 2013. Committee participants would be invited to submit written corrections to their interventions as included in the draft report before a final version of the draft report would then be circulated to Committee participants for adoption at the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Committee.

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