

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

**Twenty-Fifth Session
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BRIEF SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS

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I. WORKING DOCUMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

1. The following is a brief summary of the documents prepared or due to be prepared for the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (the "Committee" or "IGC") as at July 2, 2013. Each of these documents, as well as any additional documents, will be posted as soon as they are finalized at: http://wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=29683.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/1 Prov. 2: Draft Agenda for the Twenty-Fifth 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/25/2: 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 the current and future sessions of the Committee.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/3: Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities: Voluntary Fund

4. The WIPO General Assembly, in 2005, established the “WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities”. The decision was taken on the basis of document WO/GA/32/6, subsequently 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/25/INF/4 Rev.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/4: The Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: Draft Articles

5. During the Twenty-Second Session of the IGC, which took place in July 2012, the Committee discussed documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/4, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/5, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/INF/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/22/INF/8 and developed, on the basis of these documents and of the comments made in plenary, the text “The Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: Draft Articles”. The IGC decided that the text, as at the close of the session on July 13, 2012, be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly for consideration by the General Assembly in accordance with the Committee’s mandate contained in document WO/GA/40/7. This document was transmitted as Annex C to WO/GA/41/15. The General Assembly, in October 2012, took note of document WO/GA/41/15, including its annexes, and agreed that the work of the Committee would build on the annexes to WO/GA/41/15 through three thematic sessions in 2013. Based on the work proposal as contained in par. 152 of WO/GA/41/18, Annex C of WO/GA/41/15 has been prepared as a working document for this session.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/5: Consolidated Document Relating to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources

6. During the Twenty-Third Session of the IGC, which took place in February 2013, the Committee developed, on the basis of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/4, a further “Consolidated Document Relating to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources”. The IGC decided that this text, as at the close of the session on February 8, 2013, be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly taking place in September 2013, in accordance with the Committee’s mandate as contained in document WO/GA/40/7 and work program for 2013 as contained in document WO/GA/41/18. This document is made available for the Committee’s review and stock taking of the text(s) of the international legal instrument(s) ensuring the effective protection of traditional cultural expressions, traditional knowledge and genetic resources and recommendation to the General Assembly, in accordance with the Committee’s mandate as contained in document WO/GA/40/7 and work program for 2013 as contained in document WO/GA/41/18.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/6: The Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Draft Articles

7. During the Twenty-Fourth Session of the IGC, which took place in April 2013, 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. This document is made available for the Committee's review and stock taking of the text(s) of the international legal instrument(s) ensuring the effective protection of traditional cultural expressions, traditional knowledge and genetic resources and recommendation to the General Assembly, in accordance with the Committee's mandate as contained in document WO/GA/40/7 and work program for 2013 as contained in document WO/GA/41/18.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/7: The Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: Draft Articles

8. Pending the work of the Committee at its Twenty-Fifth session, and subject to any decisions that may be taken by the Committee on that occasion, this document would be the text on traditional cultural expressions developed by the Committee at the Twenty-Fifth Session. It would be made available for the Committee's review and stock taking of the text(s) of the international legal instrument(s) ensuring the effective protection of traditional cultural expressions, traditional knowledge and genetic resources and recommendation to the General Assembly, in accordance with the Committee's mandate as contained in document WO/GA/40/7 and work program for 2013 as contained in document WO/GA/41/18.

II. INFORMATION DOCUMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/INF/1 Prov.: List of Participants

9. A draft list of participants will be circulated at IGC 25.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/INF/2 Rev.: Brief Summary of Documents

10. The present document has been prepared as an informal guide to the Committee's documentation.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/INF/3: Draft Program for the Twenty-Fifth Session

11. In line with the Committee's request at IGC 10, this document sets out a suggested program and identifies a 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/25/INF/4 Rev.: Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities: Information Note on Contributions and Applications for Support

12. 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. It has been slightly revised to incorporate the donations to the Voluntary Fund, received on June 20, 2013, from the Delegations of Australia and New Zealand.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/INF/5: Information Note for the Panel of Indigenous and Local Communities

13. Following a decision of the Committee at IGC 7, each subsequent session of the Committee has commenced with a panel chaired by a member of an indigenous community. The panel has been held at the commencement of the previous 17 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://wipo.int/tk/en/igc/panels.html> and may also be accessed through the Indigenous Portal on the WIPO website. This document sets out the proposed practical arrangements for the panel at IGC 25.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/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

14. 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 in the margins of IGC 25.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/INF/7: Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions

15. At IGC 19, "the Committee invited the Secretariat to update the glossaries available in documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/7 ('Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Traditional Cultural Expressions'), WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/8 ('Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge') and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/19/INF/9 ('Glossary of Key Terms Related to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources'), to combine them in a single document and to publish the consolidated glossary as an information document for the next session of the Committee". This document is made available as an updated version of the consolidated glossary for the session.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/INF/8: Resources Available on the WIPO Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources Website

16. At IGC 20, the Committee invited the Secretariat to produce an information document briefly describing the resources available on the WIPO Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources website as a means to support and enhance the participation of observers in its work. This document provides a description, including information on the resources available, of the current WIPO Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Genetic Resources website.

WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/INF/9: Report of Indigenous Expert Workshop on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions

17. At IGC 20, the Committee supported the proposal for the organization of an Indigenous Expert Workshop on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions. This proposal was contained in paragraphs 10 and 11 of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/7. Pursuant to this decision, which is contained in

paragraph 801 (d) of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/20/10, the WIPO Secretariat, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, organized an Indigenous Expert Workshop on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions from April 19 to 21, 2013. This document, which provides a report of the meeting, has been submitted to the Twenty-Fifth session of the Committee by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, as an information document under Agenda item 6.

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