

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

**Thirty-Fourth Session**  
**Geneva, June 12 to 16, 2017**

### **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 to the Committee the report and recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board at the conclusion of its meeting held on the margins of the Thirty-Fourth 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>th</sup> session), the Director General has taken note of the content of this report and adopted the decisions as recommended by the Advisory Board in its paragraph 4.

[Annex follows]

WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND

ADVISORY BOARD

REPORT

1. The Advisory Board of the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities (“the 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 Thirty-Fourth Session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its twenty-sixth meeting on June 14, 2017, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Michael TENE, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the Thirty-Fourth 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.

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/34/INF/4 dated May 15, 2017, which was distributed before the opening of the Thirty-Fourth Session of the Committee and which specified that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 22,813.65 Swiss francs on May 12, 2017. Recalling with appreciation the most recent contribution to the Fund, that was made by the Government of Australia on February 28, 2017, the Advisory Board encouraged WIPO Member States and other potential donors to contribute further to the Fund.

4. The Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on the consideration of the list of applicants as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/34/INF/4 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): 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee, should the mandate of the IGC be renewed by the WIPO General Assembly;
- (ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agreed should be supported for the session of the Committee as referred to under paragraph 4 (i) (in alphabetical order):

Mrs. Ali Ali SHATU

Mr. Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE

Mr. Stephen RWAGWERI

Mrs. Polina SHULBAEVA

Mrs. Jennifer TAULI CORPUZ

- (iii) applicants whose applications should be postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board until the next session of the Committee (in alphabetical order):

Mr. Isa ADAMU

Mrs. Edna Maria DA COSTA E SILVA

Mr. Almoctar MAHAMADOU

Mr. John KoloI OLE TINGOI

Mr. Vincent Phemelo RAPOO

- (iv) applicants whose applications should be rejected (in alphabetical order):

Mr. Tayeb DJELLAL

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, June 14, 2017

Names of the members of the Advisory Board:

H.E. Mr. Michael TENE, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Indonesia in Geneva, Chair of the Advisory Board, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio*, [signed]

And, in alphabetical order:

Mr. Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA, Representative, ADJMOR, Mali [signed]

Mr. Abdoul Aziz DIENG, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Culture and Communication, Senegal [signed]

Mr. Parviz EMOMOV, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, Geneva [signed]

Ms. Aideen FITZGERALD, Policy Officer, International Policy and Cooperation Section, IP Australia, Australia [signed]

Ms. June LORENZO, Representative, Indigenous World Association (IWA), United States of America [signed]

Ms. Ñusta MALDONADO, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ecuador, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Kamal Kumar RAI, Representative, Himalayan Folklore and Biodiversity Study Program, IPs Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation, Nepal [signed]

Ms. Ofa Veiqaravi SOLIMAILAGI, Senior Legal Officer, Office of the Attorney-General, Suva, Fiji [signed]

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