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### ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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1. The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”), at its first session, held in Geneva, from April 30 to May 3, 2001, approved certain organizational and procedural matters, including according *ad hoc* observer status to a number of non-governmental organizations that had expressed their wish to have a role in the works of the Committee (see the Report, as adopted by the Committee, document WIPO/GRKTF/IC/1/13, paragraph 18).

2. Since then, an additional number of non-governmental organizations have expressed to the Secretariat their wish to obtain the same status for the subsequent sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee. A document containing the names and other biographical details of the organizations which, before January 15, 2004, requested representation in the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Committee is attached to this document as an Annex. The biographical details on the organizations contained in the Annex were received from each organization.

3. *The Intergovernmental Committee is invited to approve the accreditation of the organizations referred to in the Annex to this document as ad hoc observers.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED  
REPRESENTATION AS OBSERVERS IN SESSIONS OF  
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Call of the Earth (COE)

*Federacion Folklorica Departamental de La Paz*

Third World Network (TWN)

*Nara Instituto Indígena Brasileiro*

### Call of the Earth (COE)

#### Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

The Call of the Earth (COE) is an independent, indigenous controlled project hosted by the United Nations University, Institute of Advanced Studies in Tokyo, Japan. Call of the Earth is governed by a Steering Committee of eight indigenous experts, regionally balanced, serving in their individual capacity. Call of the Earth's primary policy development forum is the Call of the Earth Circle, a group of twenty indigenous experts and representatives from throughout the world. Call of the Earth is an indigenous intellectual property initiative. It aims to enable indigenous peoples to meet to discuss indigenous knowledge and resources and to reframe the intellectual property debate from their own perspective and in doing so to develop responses at local, national, regional and international levels to all policy and legal developments that adversely impact on their tradition of preserving their cultural heritage for future generations. It aims to enable indigenous peoples to more effectively engage in international processes from their own perspective, on their own terms.

Analyzing and bringing an indigenous perspective to the debate about the impact of intellectual property rights on Indigenous traditional knowledge, cultural expressions and human genetic resources is central to the mission of the Call of the Earth. The WIPO Intergovernmental Committee considers matters such as suggestions for the expansion of intellectual property rights to cover traditional knowledge, tool-kits for access to resources and the participation of indigenous representatives in WIPO processes. These issues are central to the concerns of Call of the Earth. For Call of the Earth to effectively carry out its mandate it is necessary for Call of the Earth representatives to observe Intergovernmental Committee processes.

#### Description of Activities of Organization:

Call of the Earth Activities center around:

- Regional Dialogues on specific IP related processes or community experiences, i.e. an upcoming meeting to allow indigenous peoples to discuss perspectives on access and benefit sharing, intellectual property and CBD related processes.
- Thematic Dialogues, i.e. IP and genetic resources, IP and cultural expressions, IP and the human genetic resources of indigenous peoples.
- Bellagio Dialogue: A yearly meeting of the Call of the Earth Circle and Steering Committee to reflect upon policy developments and to define the Call of the Earth work-plan.
- Analysis: Call of the Earth commissions indigenous scholars to reframe debates in intellectual property policy and to proactively suggest solutions drawing from the aspirations and customary law and practices of indigenous communities.
- Capacity Building: using Call of the Earth activities to advance the skills of indigenous communities and nations and indigenous scholars on knowledge related issues.
- Knowledge Base: developing a repository of analysis and case studies on intellectual property related processes and issues representing indigenous perspectives.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active:

Representatives and organizations are active throughout the world. Its office is based in Japan.

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*Federacion Folklorica Departamental de La Paz*

Main Aims and Objectives of the Organization:

The institutional aim of the *Federacion Folklorica Departamental de La Paz* (Departmental Federation of Folklore Specialists of La Paz) is to bring together and unite all the Folklore Specialists' Associations from different areas of the city of La Paz and also the different provinces of the Department, to which a total of 76 folklore institutions are affiliated.

The additional aims of the Organizations are:

- coordinating and organizing the different existing religious festivities where folklore-related activity is very dynamic;
- organizing the participation of a total of around 80,000 folklore specialists who are distributed among different associations (in the city of La Paz and the different provinces).
- dealing with the misrepresentation of folklore, i.e. maintaining the original primary aspects and leaving aside stylization;
- retaining the original dances and garments of folklore dress;
- organizing seminars, workshops and other folklore-related events of the Organization;
- holding activities and maintaining relations with government institutions, especially with the municipal mayors' offices of different districts.

Description of Activities of Organization:

The activities of folklore organizations under the *Federacion Folklorica Departamental de La Paz* form part of the annual timetable of different districts in the areas within the city of La Paz and the different provinces. The Organization also works on the strengthening folklore institutions such as the *Diablada, Rullaguada, Morenada, Llamerada, Moseñada, Tinkus, Tobas, Wacawacas* and *Sicuriadas*, in reality all folklore dances including those referred to as light and heavy. It is involved in the organizing the different needleworkers (clothes makers), musical groups and bodies involved in folklore activities, raising awareness amongst the population of the folklore-related activity of the organization, organizing the activities of the religious folklore processions, and also coordinating the folklore activities in the universities. The activities of the Organization involve more than 80,000 folklore specialists spread throughout different organizations. The Organization also ensure the maintenance of the ancestral substance of the folklore activities of different dances, in the different associations brought together by the *Federacion Folklorica Departamental de La Paz*.

Relations of an intellectual nature exist, especially as regards the creation of the different folklore dances, by regions, according to regional interests by activity heading. The creation of intellectual property in the creation of dances is of great importance in the intellectual property and ownership of creation dispute, and is revealed in international litigation.

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### Third World Network (TWN)

#### Main Aims and Objectives of the Organization:

Third World Network (TWN) is an independent, non-profit international network of organizations and individuals involved in issues relating to development, Third World and North-South affairs. The aim and objectives of TWN are to bring about a greater articulation of the needs and resources of peoples in the Third World, a fair distribution of world resources, and forms of development that are ecologically sustainable and fulfil human needs.

TWN's Economics and Environment Programme, have as their focus, issues related to the biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.

A key area of work has been the relationship between biodiversity, community rights and intellectual property rights, as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as the centerpiece. Of particular interest are the provisions of the CBD related to access and benefit sharing and the protection of traditional knowledge. TWN staff and representatives had participated in the preparatory meetings leading up to the CBD, and continue to actively monitor developments in the Conference of Parties of the CBD, as well as the SBSTTA.

Developments at the World Trade Organization relating to the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights are also monitored, especially in relation to the implementation of the CBD provisions. One area of focus has been on the review and implementation of Article 27.3(b) of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. Another area has been on the public health perspective.

TWN is on the list of non-governmental organisations in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

#### Description of Activities of Organization:

Since its formation in 1984, TWN has been involved in research, media and publications activities, organised and participated in meetings, workshops and seminars on various international issues, including with UN agencies and other international organisations.

TWN's main activities can be summarized into 3 main categories, as follows:

- (a) publication and media activities

TWN publishes books, journals and magazines on a wide range of global and current topics, including economics and finance, globalisation, environment and ecology, health and safety, human rights issues and information technology. The objective is to address and present challenging and controversial issues in a clear, concise and critical manner.

- (b) research and analysis of key economic, social and environmental issues affecting developing countries

TWN's research programme comprises two main branches – environment and economics. Within the Environment Programme, issues relating to climate change, sustainable agriculture and rural development, biotechnology and genetic engineering, as well as biodiversity

conservation, community rights and intellectual property rights are central. In the Economics Programme, emphasis is given to issues related to various aspects of economic globalisation, including international trade and finance, investment, as well as intellectual property rights and access to technology.

- (c) participation in international and regional conferences, seminars and meetings

TWN staff and representatives participate in conferences and seminars, including the Convention on Biodiversity Conference of Parties, UN Commission on Sustainable Development and the Climate Change Convention Conference of Parties, to provide inputs and present analysis, as a contribution to the decision-making processes. TWN also organizes meetings at the international and regional levels.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active:

Third World Network's international secretariat is based in Penang, Malaysia. Its regional secretariats are based in Montevideo, Uruguay, and Accra, Ghana. It also has a representative office in Geneva, Switzerland.

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The Organization is an indigenous organization created for the purpose of supporting indigenous peoples in human rights, collective property and intellectual property rights issues. The Organization is comprised of indigenous experts who have a certain level of training and expertise to inform and provide capacity-building for indigenous community leaders on biodiversity, genetic resources and traditional knowledge.

Main Aims and Objectives of the Organization:

- To provide assistance with draft laws on indigenous rights at the National Congress, and with development of public policies on indigenous peoples in Federal institutions;
- Participation in international meetings and discussions on indigenous rights under the OAS, UN and World Bank policy processed;
- Special focus on traditional knowledge and genetic resources by participating in discussions with the Brazilian government in developing legal mechanisms and in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) processes since 2000;
- Counselling and advisory work with indigenous organizations;
- Capacity-building of indigenous leaders;
- Participation in national congress and with the Brazilian government.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active:

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