

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

**Eighth session
Geneva, June 6 to 10, 2005**

Decisions adopted by the Committee, June 10, 2005

Decision on agenda Item 4: Adoption of the report of the Seventh Session

1. The Chair submitted, and the Committee adopted, the report of its Seventh Session (document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/7/15 Prov 2.), noting that the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran would submit amendments to its reported interventions for incorporation in the final report.

Decision on agenda Item 5: Accreditation of Certain Non-Governmental Organizations

2. The Committee unanimously approved accreditation of all the organizations listed in the Annexes to documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/2 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/2 Add. as *ad hoc* observers.

Decision on agenda item 7: Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities

Proposal for a Voluntary Funding Mechanism

3. The Chair took note of the comments made on the draft proposal and observed that broad general support for the proposal had been expressed in the Committee. The Chair proposed, and the Committee agreed, that:

(i) a revised draft of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/3, taking account of the comments made within the Committee, would be prepared by the Secretariat and published by June 17, 2005;

(ii) Committee participants would be invited to provide comments on that revised draft to the Secretariat by July 15, 2005; and

(iii) a third version of the proposal would be prepared and published by the end of July for consideration by the General Assembly at its next session.

Decisions on Agenda Item 8 and on Agenda Item 9: Folklore/Traditional cultural expressions and Traditional knowledge.

4. The IGC agreed that there was broad support for the process and work being undertaken within the IGC on TCEs and TK.
5. The Committee discussed documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/5 and noted the diverse views expressed on these issues.
6. The Committee took note of the contents of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/10 ('Update on Legal-technical Assistance and Capacity Building Activities').
7. The Committee took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/6, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/7 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/8.

Decision on agenda Item 10: Genetic Resources

8. The Committee took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/9, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/10, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/11, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/12, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/13 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/8/14, and further took note of the diverse views expressed on this issue.

Decision on agenda Item 11: Future Work

9. The Committee noted the broad support from Committee participants on the future work of the Committee and agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that the mandate of the Committee be extended to the next budgetary biennium to continue its work on traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions/folklore and genetic resources.

Decision on agenda item 12: Draft report

10. The Committee adopted its decisions on agenda items 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 on June 10, 2005. 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 to Committee participants before the end of June. Committee participants should submit written corrections to their interventions as included in the draft report before July 31, 2005. A final version of the draft report will then be circulated to Committee participants for subsequent adoption.

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