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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES,
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE**

**Fifteenth Session
Geneva, December 7 to 11, 2009**

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, as approved by the General Assembly, are contained in the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6 (the Decision). 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 future session 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 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 the report and recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board at the conclusion of its meeting held on the margins of the fifteenth 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/32/6 approved by the General Assembly (32nd session) establishing the WIPO Voluntary Fund, and in view of recommendations d(i), d(ii) d(iii) and d(iv) adopted by the Advisory Board, the Director General has adopted the decisions recommended by the Advisory Board.

4. The Director General has taken due note of the remaining contents of the report of the Advisory Board.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND

ADVISORY BOARD

REPORT

(a) The Advisory Board of the WIPO Voluntary Fund, whose members were appointed by decision of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore during its fifteenth session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its seventh meeting from December 9 to 10, 2009 under the chairmanship of Mr. Abdellah OUADRHIRI, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the fifteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee.

(b) The members of the Advisory Board met in accordance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6. Mr. Devi Prasad MAZUMDER, appointed member of the Advisory Board, did not participate in the deliberations and abstained from voting on the application for support by the Fund submitted by Mr. Ataur Rahman CHOWDURY, in accordance with Article 11 of the said Annex.

(c) Recalling Article 5(a) of the Annex to document WO/GA/32/6, the Advisory Board took note of the financial situation of the Fund as described in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/15/INF/4 dated November 9, 2009, which was distributed before the opening of the fifteenth session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 139,336.05 Swiss francs on October 27, 2009, and that 25,000 United States dollars have been pledged to the Fund.

(d) Furthermore, the Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on consideration of the list of applicants as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/15/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/32/6:

(i) future session intended for financial support in accordance with Article 5 (e): sixteenth session of the Intergovernmental Committee.

(ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for that session and for whom funds are available: (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Babana ABUBAKAR
Mr. Tomas ALARCON EYZAGUIRRE
Mrs. Trudie BRODERICK
Mr. Ataur Rahman CHOWDURY
Mr. Badreldin Omer ELHAGMUSA
Mr. Jury Alfredo GUTIERREZ MARISCAL
Mrs. Debra HARRY
Mrs. Jane Naini MERIWAS

Mr. Joseph OGIERIAKHI
Mrs. Polina SHULBAEVA
Mrs. Maxine STOWE

(iii) applicants whose applications have been rejected:

Mr. Armenag APRAHAMIAN
Mrs. Rose ATENG MBAH
Mr. Miguel Angel MERLO GUTIERREZ
Mr. Teanau TUIONO

(iv) applicants whose applications have been postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board until the sixteenth session of the Committee: (by alphabetical order)

Mrs. Bouba AEISATU
Mr. Phillip BIRD
Mr. Ani CASIMIR CHUKWUNONYELUM KINGSTON
Mr. Albert DETERVILLE
Mr. Arnold Christopher LAISSER
Mrs. Irene LESHORE
Mrs. Christiana Saiti LOUWA
Mr. Jafarou MALAM KOSSAO
Mrs. Verna MILLER
Mr. Jebra Ram MUCHAHARY
Mrs. Cecilia NDIFON
Mr. Joseph OLESARIOYO
Mr. Maui SOLOMON

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/32/6.

Done in Geneva, December 10, 2009

The members of the Advisory Board:

Mr. Abdellah OUADRHIRI, Director General, *Bureau marocain du droit d'auteur, Ministère de la Communication*, Morocco, Chair of the Advisory Board, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio*, [signed]

and in alphabetical order:

Mr. Yasmi ADRIANSYAH, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Indonesia, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Carlos GARBANZO, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica, Geneva [signed]

Mrs. Haman HAJARA, representative of the African Indigenous Women Organization, Yaoundé, Cameroon [signed]

Mrs. Lucia Fernanda INÁCIO BELFORT, representative of the *Instituto Indígena Brasileiro para propriedade intelectual* (INBRAPI), Brasília, Brazil [signed]

Mr. Devi Prasad MAZUMDER, representative of the Organization for Social Action and Development, Dhaka, Bangladesh [signed]

Mr. Benny MÜLLER, Legal Advisor, *Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle* of Switzerland, Berne [signed]

Mr. Alain Aimé NYAMITWE, First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Burundi, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Emin TEYMUROV, Attaché, Permanent Mission of Azerbaidjan, Geneva [signed]

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