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WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION GENEVA

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

Sixteenth Session Geneva, May 3 to 7, 2010

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PANEL OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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1. At its seventh session, the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore ('the Committee') agreed "that, immediately before the commencement of the sessions of the Committee, half-day panel presentations should be organized, chaired by a representative from a local or indigenous community." These panels have since been organized for each Committee session convened since 2005.

2. The theme of the panel at the sixteenth session is: Free, Prior and Informed Consent: Community Experiences in the Fields of Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions.

3. The Annex contains the provisional program of the panel.

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE PANEL SESSION

Monday, May 3, 2010

10.00 - 10.30 Opening

Chair – (to be identified by the WIPO Indigenous People's Caucus)

10.30 – 11.30 First session:

Ms. Haman Hajara, African Indigenous Women's Organization - Central African Network, Yaoundé, Cameroon

Mr. Russ Taylor, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Canberra, Australia

Ms. Gulnara Abbasova, Foundation for Research and Support of Indigenous Peoples of Crimea, Crimean Tatar Community, Simferopol, Ukraine

- 11.30 11.50 Break
- 11.50 12.30 Second session:

Ms. Suryna Ali, East Coast Economic Region Development Council, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Mr. Mattias Åhrén, Saami Council, Tomasjord, Norway

Mr. Cesar Sarasara, Confederación de Nacionalidades Amazónicas de Perú, Lima, Peru

Ms. Debra Harry, Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism, Nixon, United States of America

- 12.30 13.00 Floor discussion
- 13.00 Closing of panel

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