

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

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ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

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1. The Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“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 organizations that had expressed their wish to have a role in the work of the Committee (see the Report adopted by the Committee, WIPO/GRKTF/IC/1/13, paragraph 18).
2. Since then, an additional number of organizations have expressed to the Secretariat their wish to obtain the same status for the subsequent sessions of the Committee. A document containing the names and other biographical details of the organizations which, before March 9, 2011, requested accreditation at the eighteenth session of the Committee is annexed to this document. Applicants were invited to complete an application form and the biographical details of the organizations contained in the Annex are set out exactly as received from each organization.
3. *The 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

ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED ACCREDITATION
AS OBSERVERS IN SESSIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Fondation des Oeuvres pour la Solidarité et le Bien Etre Social (FOSBES ONG)
(Foundation for Solidarity and Social Welfare Projects (FOSBES NGO))

Fórum de Povos e Comunidades Tradicionais
(Traditional Peoples and Communities Forum)

France Libertés Fondation Danielle Mitterrand
(France Freedoms - Danielle Mitterrand Foundation)

Himalayan Indigenous Nationalities Preservation Association (HIWN)

Intangible Cultural Heritage Network (ICHNet)
(*Comitato per la promozione del patrimonio immateriale*)

Sámi Parliamentary Council (SPC)

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Dear Traditional Knowledge Division,

Re: Request for accreditation as a permanent observer in future sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee

I am writing to express the wish of my organization to participate in the sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore as a permanent observer. Please find our application and the required documents attached for the Committee's consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Kalubi Lufungula Gilbert

President

Application Form for Accreditation as *Ad Hoc* Observer to the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore^{1,2}

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Fondation des Oeuvres pour la Solidarité et le Bien Etre Social "FOSBES ONG"
(Foundation for Solidarity and Social Welfare Projects [FOSBES NGO])

Description of the Organization:

The *Fondation des Oeuvres pour la Solidarité et le Bien Etre Social* "FOSBES ONG" (Foundation for Solidarity and Social Welfare Projects (FOSBES NGO)) is a Non-Governmental Organization made up of representatives of all the tribes and conscientious communities of the fact that people from various corners of the country live in extreme poverty, whereas having a country as rich as blessed. This organization was born from the need to ensure the socio-economic development of the communities and survival of their natural environment and traditional knowledge, in order to enable and help them in their efforts to eradicate poverty, improve their means of subsistence for a lasting development; working by assisting in socio-cultural promotion for cohesion, stability and human dignity regarding their inheritance as a major element to reach that goal; to combine efforts with the beneficiaries to preserve their knowledge, the life of the society and nature.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

Noticing the extreme difficulties experienced by the indigenous peoples in particular and local communities in general, such as ignorance, poverty, severe illiteracy, marginalization and social discrimination, exploitation, low social esteem, expulsion from the forest, deforestation, disappearance of culture and traditional knowledge; FOSBES ONG's main aims and objectives are:

- To create and encourage bonds of solidarity among the people living in the same community;
- To promote the acquisition of knowledge favorable to development of the vulnerable people (indigenous, abandoned children, orphans, widows, unmarried

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mothers, natives,...) in particular as regards health, nutrition, family life, breeding, agriculture, practical work and education;

- To promote the traditional knowledge of the communities in general and particularly of indigenous peoples.
- To implement sustainable development projects, and defend and protect the rights of indigenous peoples;
- To carry out programs in the field of biodiversity, environment, migration and development, human rights and the climate change

The main objectives of FOSBES ONG are to undertake social work for the well-being of the communities and human rights to defend positions of indigenous and local communities, genetic resources and traditional knowledge:

- By organizing seminars, conferences, days of reflection, education, training in order to ensure an autonomous assumption of responsibility by them;
- By assisting them materially to relieve them of their sufferings through medical and social protective measures;
- By recovering, forming and reintegrating them in the society in order to make them useful to the community.

Main activities of the Organization:

- To collect and conserve various publications on the subject of culture and heritage (music, dances, novels, status, customs...)
- To fight and defend their natural environments, cultures and inheritance which constitute the heart of their existence;
- To prevent and fight against the HIV/AIDS;
- Education and training in various domains;
- Monitor the management of the forest resources and rights of the indigenous peoples and local communities;
- Educate local communities and the indigenous peoples on civil rights, democracy and the electoral process;
- Initiate and coordinate development initiatives which enhance resources for livelihood security;
- Promote enterprises between communities and investors, the business sector, private and public institutions, government, civil society organizations, and any other legally recognized groups of people in accordance with the organization's and national objectives.

Relationship of the Organization with intellectual property matters, including a full explanation of why you are interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee

FOSBES is active at the national and international levels and conducts research on traditional knowledge and biodiversity. Lobbying and advocating at the national level, FOSBES is present where the government is absent and also applies pressure to the government for national legislation for the benefit of indigenous peoples. The major aim is to focus on the neglected yet vulnerable communities and customs in the Democratic Republic of Congo with the objective to learning, participating and challenging policies related to traditional knowledge and genetic resources and climate change through the analysis of not only existing policies and programs but also newly collected data. It is hoped that the results of WIPO's work, study and partnership will be beneficial to our communities with special needs in terms of pointing out the

existing policies and programs on the matters related to traditional knowledge, genetic resources and folklore/traditional cultural expressions.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

The Democratic Republic of Congo

Additional Information:

Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant.

The Democratic Republic of Congo alone holds 47 percent of the African tropical forest - the second largest space of tropical forest in the world after Amazonia in Brazil. Plants with single genetic characteristics are likely to exist according to certain information or observations not scientifically confirmed. We will quote *inter alia* the cases of plants insecticidal, fungicidal, vulnerary, indicators of certain properties of the soil and sub-soil, *e.t.c.* Systematic studies of these groups would be desirable. Cultivated in the past varieties continue to be held by the peasants for the following reasons: multiple uses (food and medicinal), adaptability in the conditions of the medium, rites, practices; a certain mistrust of the side effects of the innovations, and high costs of the production. Genetic diversity is preserved by the local populations to satisfy their needs. At present more than one hundred fifty mushroom species are known; certain species are the subject of the tests of domestication. Certain spontaneous forest species were formerly used as species with latex production of rubber, copal or the resin. Some among the species of the plants are seriously threatened following the destruction of their habitat, with the overexploitation or the practice of the bush fires. Urgent actions through an international collaboration would be necessary for the species. Several local and indigenous species are used for food of the cattle, rabbits, the guinea-pigs. These species deserve protection of their habitat or to be the subject of a program of their domestication. The risks are reduced by the practice of the associated cultures. The agents of FOSBES and the administration of agriculture undertook actions of recovery of old the cultivars to homogenize the material in diffusion and to improve the outputs as well as quality of the product. As regards protection of the soil, the legislation is limited to the prohibition of the bush fires.

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Dear Sirs:

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I am writing to express the wish of our organization to participate in the sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore as an *Ad Hoc* observer. Please find below the relevant information regarding our organization, for examination by the Committee with a view to granting accreditation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Pedro Silva
Production Coordinator for Traditional Communities

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Fórum de Povos e Comunidades Tradicionais
(Traditional Peoples and Communities Forum)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Traditional Peoples and Communities Forum (FPCT), Pará, Brazil, is made up of more than 50 institutions which cooperate with people who use products of the Amazonian biodiversity in their daily work, in particular, vegetable oils, medicinal plants and the açai berry, and who are fighting for the protection of traditional knowledge, the conservation of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits generated by the use of the genetic heritage of natural resources.

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Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- The protection of traditional knowledge;
- Access to and a share in benefits for the local communities;
- Jobs for local communities through public policies.

Main activities of the Organization:

- Extraction of vegetable oils;
- Extraction of medicinal plants;
- Extraction of fruits such as the “açai” berry.

Relationship of the Organization with intellectual property matters, including a full explanation of why you are interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee (maximum 150 words)

The FPCT mainly focuses on the protection of traditional knowledge and also the fair and equitable sharing of benefits through the Convention on Biological Diversity. Therefore, intellectual property is of great importance to our institution, given that, as local communities, we are also the holders of such property.

Naturally, we have to defend and protect this property, and it is for that reason that we are requesting WIPO accreditation, in order to ensure that the rules imposed upon the countries are observed.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Brazil

Additional information:

Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to announce that my organization wishes to participate in the sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore as an *Ad Hoc* observer. Please find attached the biographical details of my organization required for the examination by the Committee of this request for accreditation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Emmanuel POILANE

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization :

Frances Libertés Fondation Danielle Mitterrand
(France Freedoms - Danielle Mitterrand Foundation)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

For the past 20 years, France Libertés has provided support for projects run by grass roots associations or groups promoting democratic practices which respond to the wishes of the general population and the criteria of parity, justice and the respect of human rights. Hundreds of awareness-raising actions have been carried out in the field by France Libertés and its partners concerning the right of peoples to self-determination.

France Libertés is recognized as acting in the public interest. Moreover, owing to the annual certification of its accounts by an auditor and the checks carried out by the State services, the Foundation has shown itself to be extremely reliable in terms of carrying out public interest actions.

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Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- recognition of the right to access to drinking water
- reconsideration of wealth
- the defense of the right of peoples to dispose of their wealth

Main activities of the Organization:

- international advocacy
- awareness-raising
- field projects
- fostering good practices
- emergence of alternatives
- legal watch

Relationship of the Organization with intellectual property matters, including a full explanation of why you are interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee (maximum 150 words)

Within the framework of its aim to defend the rights of peoples to dispose of their wealth, France Libertés has been focusing on the issue of the appropriation of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, in particular through intellectual property rights. The Foundation works alongside other associations, such as the International Commission for the Rights of Aboriginal People (ICRA) which has been attending sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee as an observer for many years.

The main activities of the Danielle Mitterrand Foundation with regard to this issue consist of the promotion of the emergence of alternatives, both in terms of the practice of private operators and the development of the international legal framework. The Foundation therefore monitors discussions concerning the protection of genetic resources and of associated traditional knowledge in all relevant forums, in order to produce legal opinions and proposals in that regard.

The Foundation also disseminates information at the level of civil society, working to raise awareness among the general public regarding issues linked to the protection of genetic resources and of associated traditional knowledge through the use of pedagogical tools aimed at a non-specialist audience.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

France

Additional information: Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant.

France Libertés is one of the founding members of the *Collectif français pour une alternative à la biopiraterie* (French Action Group for an alternative to Biopiracy) (2007) alongside the ICRA, *Paroles de Nature* (Words of Nature) and SHERPA.

The Foundation also has observer status at the United Nations.

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Yours sincerely.

[signed]

Lucky Sherpa
President HIWN

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Himalayan Indigenous Nationalities Preservation Association (HIWN)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The Nepal Government has identified and recognized 59 indigenous nationalities in Nepal. Indigenous peoples comprise more than half of the total 22.5 million populations of Nepal but the government's census data is under enumerated and shows that it is 37.2 percent only. According to the 2001 census the total population of Nepal was 23,151,423 out of which more than half 11,587,502 (50.4%) were women and indigenous women constituted 4,345,314 (37.5%) of the total population of women. Social exclusion based on gender, caste, ethnicity, language, religion, culture, region, *etc.* have continued unabated for centuries due to hinduism, patriarchy and unitary state structure. Thus indigenous women face multiple forms of social exclusion not only based on sex and gender but also ethnicity, language, religion, resources and culture. It is a known fact that the state has not recognized the identity of indigenous nationalities of women as they are lumped in the general term "Nepali Women".

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The outcome of the program felt the need of national level alliance for himalayan indigenous women's rights and concerns to strengthen and promote the indigenous peoples movement for rights, recognition and social justice. Thus, the Himalayan Indigenous Nationalities Preservation Association HIWN is officially established and registered at the Kathmandu District Administration Office of Nepal government under the Social Act 2034 and affiliated with the Social Welfare Council. This Network is a consortium of indigenous women's organizations, professionals and individuals committed to the promotion of indigenous peoples' rights.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- To implement various programs on education, research, conference, training, exchange visits and advocacy for himalayan indigenous women of Nepal to increase their capabilities, institutional strengthening, empowerment and organizational development.
- To empower the indigenous women by increasing the economical, technological, including other resources and appealing for the necessary equal positions, representations, and securing opportunities in all institutions at the national, regional, as well as the international level.
- To secure indigenous women's position and control in natural resources; respect intellectual property rights, cultural heritage and the right to control biological diversity.
- To ensure indigenous women's rights under the UN Declaration, reports and negotiations.
- To appeal for effective mechanism of Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA), negotiation, declarations, solving all kinds of problems against women (CEDAW), MDGs *etc.*
- To seek indigenous women's due space within the women's movement;
- To ensure sex and gender equality within the indigenous peoples' communities and the Nepalese society;
- To make efforts to raise the issues and concerns of indigenous women in Nepal and abroad;
- To strengthen the movement of indigenous women in particular and indigenous peoples in general for securing their collective rights.

Main activities of the Organization:

- First National Conference on Indigenous Women of Nepal organized by Himalayan Indigenous Women Network HIWN on the World Indigenous Peoples Day in 2007;
- Formation of regional networks of HIWN Eastern Region, Western Region, Mid Western Region and Central Region of Nepal;
- HIWN launch of indigenous women's national song;
- Participating in the national level movements to ensure the representation of indigenous women of Nepal
- HIWN leading the women movement on the proportional representation system in upcoming Constituent Assembly
- HIWN recommended to the Constituent Assembly the drafting of a new constitution of Nepal to restructure the state on the basis of ethnic identity, linguistic and regional autonomy by exercising right to self-determination within a federal democratic republic.
- President of HIWN presented a paper on the Asia Regional Dialogue on Indigenous Peoples and Natural Resource Management in Chiangmei Thailand from November 12 to 17, 2007.
- HIWN launched a workshop regarding UNDRIP Article 11.1 12.1 13.1 and 31.1 in 2010.

Relationship of the Organization with intellectual property matters, including a full explanation of why you are interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee (maximum 150 words)

Nepal is a sovereign country with 0.1% world's land and is rich in biodiversity and natural resources due to its' diverse geography, ecosystem and cultures. Nepal is leading 25th and 11th position on biodiversity in the World and Asia respectively. Also, Nepal is 2nd world largest in water resources. It is reported that 118 types of ecosystems naturally occur in different geographical areas. Each geographical area, ecosystem, biodiversity bears a long historical attachment of native society as their cultural identities. With distinct language, religion, customs, folklore, culture, knowledge, ancient territory, nepalese indigenous nationalities are excluded from main streams of national policies and are being legally separated from their ancient natural heritages, biodiversity, ethnobiology, ancient foods, medicines, agro-biodiversity, skills, technology, knowledge, customary law/lore/practice/values, traditional ethnics and sacred sites. Indigenous peoples are contributing their cultural wisdom on restoration. Indigenous peoples are facing the negative impacts of traditional knowledge and genetic resources and cultural expressions especially on our territories. All the stake holders need to take into account social and cultural aspects of economic and non-economic incentives; otherwise they are likely fail to protect our knowledge and resources and our traditional ways of life. To us, it means resilience, the transfer of appropriate technology, capacity building and just and equitable distribution of benefits - and above all respecting our right to self determination.

Governments have promulgated international law with respect to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge. Indigenous peoples and traditional communities, already have spiritual values, ethical norms, customary laws and established rights guiding us on the use of our lands, territories, resources and traditional knowledge, which must be respected. Taking into account the need to draw the attention of the international community and awareness at the community and national level, we would like to accredit our organization to World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). This is the only women's organization in the nation regarding intellectual property matters.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Nepal

Additional information:

Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words).

VISION

Panacea of discrimination by equitable gender, sex, region and ethnic representation in which every human being enjoys their rights to life with full dignity

MISSION

To empower, unite indigenous women, excluded groups to eliminate all types of discrimination through capacity building, institutional strengthening and advocacy on the rights of indigenous women.

GOAL

The over all goal of the organization is to ensure himalayan indigenous women's access to, control over resources and to influence in decision-making processes for their sustainable and dignified lives.

The Goal for the first five year (2007-2012) is the "Development of NNIW at National Level and Reduction of the Sex, Gender and Ethnic Discrimination".

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[signed]

Giuseppe Torre

Coordinator

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Full name of the Organization:

Intangible cultural heritage network (ICHNet)
(Comitato per la promozione del patrimonio immateriale)

Description of the Organization: (maximum 150 words)

The “Comitato per la promozione del patrimonio immateriale” is a network of organizations, spontaneous groups and individuals that from 2003 have been carrying out activities for the promotion and protection of the Italian cultural intangible heritage.

ICHNet regularly work together and cooperate with communities, groups and individuals that create, maintain and transmit the intangible cultural heritage with a spirit of mutual respect and maintain a permanent membership with the communities with which they interact.

In addition they implement activities in the field of cultural intangible heritage safeguarding in collaboration with the communities, the groups and the individuals who are holders of the tradition.

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Together with them they carry out systematic research, collection and storage activities of the intangible cultural heritage.

Membership to the Comitato is free, without any kind of discrimination with regard to race, sex or religious belief; organizations and groups with a Statute based on democracy and free participation criteria can apply for membership to the Committee.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

- Safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage through the transmission of intangible cultural heritage among generations.
- Protecting traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions from misappropriation.
- Disseminate the principles and ideals of UNESCO, implementing appropriate action in the fields of education, science, culture and information.
- Promote the enlargement of the Committee's membership to the highest possible number of persons and associations sharing the aims of the Committee.
- Initiate partnerships with institutions and organizations dealing with environmental protection and preservation of the tangible and archaeological heritage.
- Establish relations with similar organizations in other countries to promote mutual understanding and joint action and international cooperation with organizations having the same objectives of the Committee, through exchange of information and experiences and promoting joint initiatives.
- Promotion of responsible and sustainable tourism, both in relation to the environment and to the intangible heritage.

Main activities of the Organization:

- Identification and documentation of the ICH.
- Research (including inventory-making).
- Preservation, protection and promotion, enhancement transmission.
- Formal or non-formal education revitalization.

Relationship of the Organization with intellectual property matters, including a full explanation of why you are interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee (maximum 150 words)

The Comitato is directly involved in safeguarding intellectual property rights connected with the communities who are the first producers of cultural expressions such as art, music, dance, craftship, etc. The respect of intellectual property rights of communities and local groups constitute an essential element for maintaining democracy and guaranteeing sustainable development. Moreover, respect of cultural diversity and rights is pivotal to guarantee the survival and development of culture taking into consideration heritage and change as dynamic elements for the future.

Accordingly, "Comunità sonore" is one of the main projects presently implemented by the Comitato, mainly based on the approach indicated in WIPO's Creative Heritage Project and the Maasai Project, as these correspond entirely to the philophy underlying the strategy implemented by the Comitato with regard to intellectual property matters.

Country in which the Organization is primarily active:

Italy

Additional information:

Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant (maximum 150 words).

The Committee is apolitical, non-partisan, non-sectarian, independent of any other association, committee, public and/or private body, supranational, national or local government and non-profit, even indirectly, within the meaning and the effects of the rules contained under Articles. 36 and following of the Italian Civil Code.

The Committee considers the immaterial and intangible cultural heritage as:

- the place where knowledge and values for millennia have taken form;
- the true melting pot of cultural diversity and human creativity;
- a form of cultural expression that cannot be subject to trade and commercial exploitation.

The Committee believes that the protection and promotion of the intangible cultural heritage:

- can represent a tool for the exercise of human rights and cultural rights;
- can contribute to intercultural and inter-religious dialogue in promoting peace and tolerance;
- can contribute to the preservation of the environmental balance;
- can be one of the foundations for creating a truly sustainable economic development.

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Dear Traditional Knowledge Division,

Re: Request for accreditation as an observer in future sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee

I am writing to express the wish of my organization to participate in the sessions of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore as an *ad hoc* observer. Please find our application and the required documents attached for the Committee's consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Rauna Rahko

Application Form for Accreditation as *Ad Hoc* Observer to the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore^{1,2}

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Full name of the Organization:

Sámi Parliamentary Council (SPC)

Description of the Organization:

Sámi Parliamentary Council (SPC) is the co-operational body for the Sámi Parliaments in Sweden, Finland and Norway. The Russian Sámi organisations are permanent participants in SPC, since there is no elected body for the Sámi in Russia. The Russian Sámi has two permanent representatives on the Sámi Parliamentary Council. Sámi parliaments in Sweden, Finland and Norway express the official views of the Sámi. The SPC was founded March 2, 2000. The Chair of the SPC rotates among the member countries and each country leads the council for 16 months.

Please do not enclose any attachment with your application

¹ Please note that the decision on accreditation will not be made by the Secretariat, but by the Member States at the beginning of the session of the Intergovernmental Committee. It is therefore possible that certain organizations may not receive accreditation. Therefore, if the requesting organization is not based in Geneva, it might not be advisable to travel to Geneva for the sole purpose of participating in the session of the Committee until accreditation has been granted.

² Please note that this application form may be presented to the Committee exactly in the form received. Please therefore, as far as possible, complete the form using a type-writer or word processor. The completed form should preferably be emailed to grtkf@wipo.int.

The SPC is mandated to deal with cross-border issues affecting the Sámi people focusing on Sámi language, education, research and economic development—and to coordinate the Sámi voice at the international level.

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

Nordic Sámi Convention (Nordic, cross-border convention)

- Sami Education
- Sámi Language
- Sámi Cultural Heritage

Main activities of the Organization:

- to harmonize politic and legal status of Sámi people living across borders
- to protect and maintain Sámi traditions, traditional knowledge and cultural heritage
- to ensure and develop Sámi peoples rights as an indigenous peoples
- to develop Sámi political, economic and social systems and institutions
- to develop measures to protect traditional knowledge and cultural heritage

Relationship of the Organization with intellectual property matters, including a full explanation of why you are interested in the issues under discussion by the Committee

SPC sees that indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge, cultural heritage, needs to be better protected and secured and indigenous peoples should be part of these processes. The Sámi culture as a traditional culture embodies exquisite creativity and has cultural, historical and economic value for Sámi community. The sámi cultural heritage is a living culture which is still seen in everyday life for example in traditional reindeer herding and in Sámi handicraft (duodji) and traditional expressions that are included in those. Sámi People have the right to own, control and develop its cultural heritage, both tangible and intangible, including its genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions. Today Sámi Cultural heritage is threatened by exploitation because protection of is lacking. SPC sees WIPO has an important role on developing that kind of protection for intellectual property, genetic resources and traditional cultural expressions.

Countries in which the Organization is primarily active:

Finland, Sweden, Norway and Russia

Additional Information:

Please provide any additional information which you feel may be relevant.

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