

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

Twenty-Third Session
Geneva, February 4 to 8, 2013

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 (“the Fund”), as approved by the General Assembly, are contained in the Annex to Document WO/GA/39/11. 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 subsequent Committee session and, should the case arise, the IWG meeting(s) 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/or the IWG meeting(s), 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 Twenty-Third 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/39/11 as approved by the General Assembly (39th session), the Director General has adopted the decisions as recommended by the Advisory Board in paragraph 4 of its report.

[Annex follows]

WIPO VOLUNTARY FUND

ADVISORY BOARD

REPORT

1. 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 (“the Committee”) during its twenty-third session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its fifteenth meeting on February 6, 2013, under the chairmanship of Ms. Alexandra GRAZIOLI, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the twenty-third session of the Committee.
2. The members of the Advisory Board met in accordance with Articles 7 and 9 of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11. Mr. Mohamed AG ABBA and Mr. Jim WALKER, appointed members of the Advisory Board, did not participate in the deliberations and abstained from voting on their application for support by the Fund, in accordance with Article 11 of the said Annex.
3. Recalling Article 5(a) of the Annex to document WO/GA/39/11, the Advisory Board took note of the financial situation of the Fund as described in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/4 dated January 8, 2013, which was distributed before the opening of the twenty-third session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 3,287.67 Swiss francs on January 8, 2013. In addition, the Advisory Board has been informed by the Secretariat of the recent withdrawals from funding of Mrs. Kathy HODGSON-SMITH and Mr. John Kolol OLE TINGOI in view of their participation in the twenty-third session of the Committee. It has also been advised that those withdrawals took place after the date of publication of the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/INF/4. The Advisory Board has been informed that, as a consequence of those withdrawals, the amount available in the Fund minus previously committed amount was 8,674.52 Swiss francs on February 4, 2013, not included 933.65 Swiss francs amounting for forthcoming reimbursement to the Fund. The Advisory Board decided to take this updated information into account in adopting its recommendations.
4. Accordingly, the Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on the consideration of the list of eighteen applicants from five geo-cultural regions as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/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/39/11:
 - (i) future session intended for financial support in accordance with Article 5(e): twenty-fourth session of the Committee.
 - (ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported for that session of the Committee and for whom sufficient funds are available according to a cost estimate provided by the Secretariat: (two applicants, in alphabetical order)

Mr. Babagana ABUBAKAR

Mr. Tomás ALARCÓN EYZAGUIRRE
 - (iii) applicant whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported in principle for that session of the Committee but for whom funds might not be available according to a cost estimate provided by the Secretariat: (one applicant by order of priority)

Mr. Jim WALKER

- (iv) applicants whose application has been postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board until the next session of the Committee: (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Hamadi AG MOHAMED ABBA

Mr. Rodrigo DE LA CRUZ ILAGO

Mr. Albert DETERVILLE

Mrs. Jackline Margis KURARU

Mrs. Chinara SADYKOVA

Mr. Ngwang SONAM SHERPA

- (v) applicants whose applications have been rejected: (in alphabetical order)

Mr. Victor Eduardo ALONQUEO BOUDON

Mrs. Abdoulaye FATI SOUMAILA ALI

Mr. Daniel Mpoiko KOBEL

Mr. Arnold Christopher LAISSER

Mr. Jean Marie MUBENGAYI

Mr. Tony NDEFRU FRACHAHA

Mr. Dilip Singh RAI

Mr. Emmanuel TSHIBANGU NTITE

Mr. Edwin VÁSQUEZ CAMPOS

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/39/11.

Done in Geneva, February 6, 2013

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The members of the Advisory Board:

Ms. Alexandra GRAZIOLI, Senior Legal Advisor, International Trade Relations, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Bern, Switzerland, Chair of the Advisory Board, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio* [signed],

and in alphabetical order:

Mr. Mohamed AG ABBA, representative, *Adjmor*, Mali [signed]

Mr. Nelson DE LEON KANTULE, representative, *Asociación Kunas unidos por Napguana/Association of Kunas United for Mother Earth (KUNA)*, Panama [signed]

Mrs. Natasha GOONERATNE, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, Geneva [signed]

Ms. Sophia KNIGHT, Executive Officer, International Intellectual Property Section, Office of Trade Negotiations, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, Australia [signed]

Mr. Mandixole MATROOS, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa, Geneva [signed]

Ms. Natalia BUZOVA, Deputy Head, Legal Division, Federal Institute of Industrial Property, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT), Moscow, Russian Federation [signed]

Mr. Justin SOBION, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Jim WALKER, representative, *Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA)*, Brisbane, Australia [signed]

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