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

**Twenty-Fifth Session
Geneva, July 15 to 24, 2013**

DECISIONS OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

Adopted by the Committee

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 2:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair submitted the draft agenda circulated as WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/1 Prov. 2 for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3:

ADOPTION OF THE REPORTS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH SESSIONS

The Chair submitted the revised draft reports of the Twenty-Third and Twenty-Fourth sessions of the Committee (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/23/8 Prov. 2 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/24/8 Prov. 2) for adoption and they were adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 4:

ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee unanimously approved the accreditation of all the organizations listed in the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/2 as *ad hoc* observers, namely: Australian Centre for Intellectual Property in Agriculture (ACIPA); ARTICLE 19; Association Santé Éducation Démocratie (ASED) (*Association-Health-Education-Democracy*); Conseil International des Organisations de Festivals de Folklore et d'Arts Traditionnels (CIOFF) (*International Council of Organizations of Folklore Festivals and Folk Arts*); Terri Janke and Company Pty Ltd; and, Al-Zain Organization for Intellectual Property (ZIPO).

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5:

PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Committee took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/3, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/INF/4 Rev. and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/INF/6.

The Committee strongly encouraged and called upon members of the Committee and all interested public or private entities to contribute to the WIPO Voluntary Fund for Accredited Indigenous and Local Communities.

The Chair proposed, and the Committee elected by acclamation, the following eight members of the Advisory Board to serve in an individual capacity: Mr. Steven BAILIE, Assistant Director, International Policy and Cooperation Section, IP Australia, Canberra, Australia; Mrs. Edna Maria DA COSTA E SILVA, Representative, *Cooperativa Ecologica de las Mujeres Colectoras de la Isla de Marajo (CEMEM)*, Brazil; Mrs. Simara HOWELL, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Jamaica, Geneva; Mr. Nazrul ISLAM, Minister, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh, Geneva; Mr. Mandixole MATROOS, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa, Geneva; Mr. Wojciech PIATKOWSKI, First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Poland, Geneva; Mrs. Chinara SADYKOVA, Representative, Public Association Regional Centers for Education for Sustainable Development, Kyrgyzstan; Mr. Paul Kanyinke SENA, Member and Chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), New York.

The Chair of the Committee nominated Ms. Alexandra Grazioli, Vice-Chair of the Committee, to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 6:

TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

The Committee developed, on the basis of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/25/4, a further text, "The Protection of Traditional Cultural Expressions: Draft Articles Rev. 2". The Committee decided that this text, as at the close of this agenda item on July 19, 2013, be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly taking place in September 2013, in accordance with the Committee's mandate contained in document WO/GA/40/7 and work program for 2013 as contained in document WO/GA/41/18.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 7:

REVIEW AND TAKING STOCK OF THE TEXT(S) OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL INSTRUMENT(S) ENSURING THE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND GENETIC RESOURCES AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Committee reviewed and took stock of the text(s) of the international legal instrument(s) ensuring the effective protection of traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions and genetic resources, and decided to transmit to the WIPO General Assembly taking place in September 2013 its "Report of the proposals made by delegations regarding future work of the IGC, following the Review and Stocktaking conducted under Agenda Item 7, as at the close of the session on July 24, 2013", as well as a record of interventions made on the report.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 8:

CONTRIBUTION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND GENETIC RESOURCES, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND FOLKLORE (IGC) TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESPECTIVE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee held a discussion on this item. The Committee decided that all statements made on this item would be recorded in the report of the Committee and that they would also be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly taking place from September 23 to October 2, 2013, in line with the decision taken by the 2010 WIPO General Assembly related to the Development Agenda Coordination Mechanism.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 10:

CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Committee adopted its decisions on agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 on July 19, 2013 and its decision on agenda item 7 on July 24, 2013. 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 by September 20, 2013. Committee participants would be invited to submit written corrections to their interventions as included in the draft report before a final version of the draft report would then be circulated to Committee participants for adoption at the Twenty-Sixth session of the Committee.

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