

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

**Twenty-Seventh Session  
Geneva, March 24 to April 4, 2014**

DECISIONS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH 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/27/1 Prov. 3 for adoption and it was adopted.

## DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3:

### ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

The Chair submitted the revised draft report of the Twenty-Sixth session of the Committee (WIPO/GRTKF/IC/26/8 Prov. 2) for adoption and it was 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/27/2 as *ad hoc* observers, namely: International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (ICHCAP); Russian Indigenous Training Centre (CSIPN/RITC); The Batani – International Development Fund for Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East; Universitetet i Tromsø, Norges Arktiske Universitetet (UiT)/*University of Tromsø, Norway's Arctic University* (UiT).

## DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5:

### PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Committee took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/3, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/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 Committee also took note of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/9 Rev. ("Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities: Proposal for Subsidiary Contributions to the Voluntary Fund") submitted by the Delegations of Australia, Finland, New Zealand and Switzerland and decided that discussion on the proposals contained therein be deferred to the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Committee.

The Chair proposed, and the Committee elected by acclamation, the following eight members of the Advisory Board to serve in an individual capacity: Mrs. Catherine BUNYASSI KAHURIA, Senior Counsel, Legal, Kenya Copyright Board, Nairobi, Kenya; Mr. Nelson DE LEÓN KANTULE, representative, *Asociación Kunas unidos por Napguana*/Association of *Kunas* for Mother Earth (KUNA), Panama; Ms. Simara HOWELL, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Jamaica, Geneva; Ms. Lalita KAPUR, Executive Officer, Intellectual Property Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, Australia; Mr. Shi-hyeong KIM, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, Geneva; Mr. Wojciech PIĄTKOWSKI, First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Poland, Geneva; Mrs. Madeleine SCHERB, representative of Health and Environment Program, Yaoundé, Cameroon; Mr. Jim WALKER, representative of FAIRA, Brisbane, Australia.

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 KNOWLEDGE

The Committee developed, on the basis of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/4, a further text, "The Protection of Traditional Knowledge: Draft Articles Rev. 2". The Committee decided that this text, as at the close of this agenda item on March 28, 2014, be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly taking place in September 2014, subject to any agreed adjustments or modifications arising on cross-cutting issues at the Twenty-Eighth session of the Committee, taking place in July 2014, in accordance with the Committee's mandate for 2014-2015 and the work program for 2014, as contained in document WO/GA/43/22.

The Committee also took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/6, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/7, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/8, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/7, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/8, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/9, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/10 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/11.

## DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 7:

## TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

The Committee developed, on the basis of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/5, 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 April 4, 2014, be transmitted to the WIPO General Assembly taking place in September 2014, subject to any agreed adjustments or modifications arising on cross-cutting issues at the Twenty-Eighth session of the Committee, taking place in July 2014, in accordance with the Committee's mandate for 2014-2015 and the work program for 2014, as contained in document WO/GA/43/22.

The Committee also took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/7, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/8, WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/9 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/27/INF/10.

## DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 9:

## CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Committee adopted its decisions on Agenda Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 on April 4, 2014. 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 before June 4, 2014. 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-Eighth session of the Committee.

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