

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

**Twenty-Ninth Session**  
**Geneva, February 15 to 19, 2016**

### **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 to the Committee the report and recommendations adopted by the Advisory Board at the conclusion of its meeting held on the margins of the Twenty-Ninth 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 (39<sup>th</sup> 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-Ninth Session and whose names appear at the end of this report, held its twenty-first meeting on February 16 and 17, 2016, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Michael TENE, member *ex officio*, on the margins of the Twenty-Ninth 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.
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/29/INF/4 dated January 13, 2016, which was distributed before the opening of the Twenty-Ninth Session of the Committee and which specifies that the amount available in the Fund minus the previously committed amount was 683.20 Swiss francs on January 9, 2016. The Advisory Board took note of the fact that the Fund has been unable to finance any recommended applicant for funding since the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Committee included, and recommends that the Committee address this situation.
4. Accordingly, the Advisory Board adopted the following recommendations based on the consideration of the list of thirteen applicants from four geo-cultural regions as it appears in the Information Note WIPO/GRTKF/IC/29/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): 30<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee.
- (ii) applicants whom the Advisory Board agrees should be supported in principle for that session of the Committee, pending sufficient availability of funds (in order of priority):

Mrs. Edith Magnolia BASTIDAS CALDERÓN

Mr. Stephen RWAGWERI

Mr. Siddhartha Priya ASHOK

Mrs. Kathy HODGSON-SMITH

- (iii) applicants whose applications should be postponed for further consideration by the Advisory Board until the next session of the Committee: (in alphabetical order)

Mrs. Isa ADAMU

Mr. Estebancio CASTRO DÍAZ

Mrs. Cecilia Eneck NDIFON

Mr. Santiago OBISPO

Mr. Kamal Kumar RAI

Mrs. Jennifer TAULI-CORPUZ

Mr. Kamal Kumar RAI

(iv) applicants whose applications should be rejected (in alphabetical order):

Mrs. Alba Lucia CASTAÑEDA VELEZ

Mrs. Irene LESHORE

Mr. Joseph OLESARIOYO

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 17, 2016

Names of the members of the Advisory Board:

H.E. Mr. Michael TENE, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Indonesia in Geneva, Chair of the Advisory Board, Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Committee, member *ex officio*, [signed]

And, in alphabetical order:

Mr. Fayssal ALLEK, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Algeria, Geneva [signed]

Mr. Parviz EMOMOV, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, Geneva [signed]

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

Mr. Raymond FRYBERG, representative, Tulalip Tribes of Washington, United States of America [signed]

Mr. Carlo Maria MARENGHI, Intellectual Property and Trade Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Holy See, Geneva [signed]

Ms. Mary NARFI, Executive Officer, Ministry of Tourism, Trade, Commerce and Ni Vanuatu Business, Port Vila, Vanuatu [signed]

Mr. Pita Kalesita NIUBALAVU, Consultant, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Fiji [signed]

Mrs. Marcela PAIVA, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Chile, Geneva [signed]

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