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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 (hereinafter referred to as "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 non-governmental organizations that had expressed their wish to have a role in the work of the Committee (see the Report, as adopted by the Committee, document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/1/13, paragraph 18).

2. Since then, an additional number of non-governmental organizations have expressed to the Secretariat their wish to obtain the same status for the subsequent sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee. A document containing the names and other biographical details of the organizations which, before March 31, 2003, requested representation in the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Committee is attached to this document as an Annex. The biographical details on the organizations contained in the Annex were received from each organization.

3. *The Intergovernmental 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

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE REQUESTED
REPRESENTATION AS OBSERVERS IN SESSIONS OF
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Consumer Project on Technology (CPTech)

Federation des Organisations Autochtones de Guyane (FOAG)

Franciscan International

Innu Council of Nitassinan (ICN)

International Indian Treaty Council

Consumer Project on Technology (CPTech)

The Consumer Project on Technology (CPTech) was created in 1995 to examine issues of new technologies, with an emphasis on electronic commerce, medical technologies and related intellectual property issues.

CPTech operates with support from the Center for Study of Responsive Law, a non-profit organization created by Mr. Ralph Nader in 1968, and Essential Information, a non-profit organization that sponsors several publishing, research and advocacy programs and obtains support from several charitable foundations.

Greater detail of CPTech's work on IP is available at < www.cptech.org >. Some of the work of CPTech includes substantial work on a wide variety of IP issues related to access to medicines, information technologies. CPTech's goal is to advance the interest of the consumers and the public in debates concerning IP policy.

With regard to genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore, CPTech is conducting research with the aim to disseminate information and organize consumer and public interests in global negotiations. Its goal is to find mechanisms for benefit-sharing that are consistent with access to scientific research, sharing information and competition. CPTech is concerned with the impact of policies on consumers and creators of new work, but also regard concern over misappropriation of social assets as legitimate.

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Fédération des Organisations Autochtones de Guyane (FOAG)

The *Fédération des Organisations Autochtones de Guyane (FOAG)* is an indigenous organization of Guyana representing 30 organizations. Its goal is the promotion of human rights and indigenous issues. The Organization has participated, since 1995, in various working groups of the United Nations on indigenous issues such as the evolution of norms, intellectual property and the norms, and the Convention on the Biological Diversity (CBD).

The Organization is attentive to the progress in all processes equally and attentively and participates in the meetings at an international level, mainly on issues regarding intellectual property in the framework of the Indigenous Peoples.

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Franciscans International

Franciscans International is a non-governmental organization rooted in the spirit and example of Saint Francis of Assisi (1226) and the work of Franciscan sisters and brothers throughout the world. The organization's guiding principles are concern for the poor, care for creation, and peacemaking. The organization participates in many international conferences and commissions in the United Nations system, and in Geneva, it focuses primarily on promotion and protection of human rights, as per the mandate of Franciscans worldwide. While Franciscans work with people of all levels of society in over 180 countries, its preference is to work among the poor, especially in developing countries. Many of the people with whom the Franciscans work with are indigenous, with traditions and wisdom profoundly affected by globalization.

The role of the organization is to facilitate information from Franciscan sisters and brothers in the field to decision-makers at the international level, and at the same time offer its members practical information on instruments to protect and promote human rights in their regions. In Geneva, the organization works closely with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and participates each year in the UN Commission on Human Rights, the UN Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and the many Working Groups of those two international bodies. It also works with other international organizations, including UNAIDS, the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Labour Organization (ILO). Some of its current human rights programmes include: freedom of religion, global trade, HIV/AIDS, human trafficking, migration and right to development. Its activities also include participating in United Nations forums, organizing seminars and workshops on human rights issues, visiting Franciscans in the field and publishing international communications, such as officer reports, newsletters, website and e-mail newsletters.

Many of the Franciscan sisters and brothers work with indigenous peoples in several countries, including Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Viet Nam. The protection of the rights of these people, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, is a priority in its advocacy at the international level. Consequently, the activities of the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, are of interest to the organization and its members, particularly in the area of international protections for traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples. In coordination with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the organization sponsored a "Roundtable Discussion on Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property" on December 14, 2002, following the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Committee.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active :

Brazil, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Togo.

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Innu Council of Nitassinan (ICN)

The Innu Council of Nitassinan (ICN) represents an indigenous group, the Innu Nation based in the eastern part of Canada (Quebec/Labrador). ICN is a non-governmental organization affiliated to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The Organization has various fields of interests namely, social, cultural, environmental, and the preserving of the traditional lifestyle, knowledge and practices of the Innu people.

The ICN is affiliated to the Innu cultural institutes that have a purpose to protect the intellectual property and heritage of the Innu people. ICN has, for a number of years been an active participant at various international meetings concerning indigenous issues.

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International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)

The main objectives of the International Indian Treaty Council are:

- To promote and develop standards for the protection and promotion of Indigenous Traditional Peoples;
- To participate in the drafting of treaties between Indigenous Peoples and Governments and to seek international recognition;
- To support human rights, self-determination and sovereignty of Indigenous Peoples;
- To oppose colonialism in all its forms and its effects on Indigenous Peoples;
- To build solidarity and relationships of mutual support among Indigenous Peoples of the world;
- To disseminate information about Indigenous Peoples' human rights issues, struggles, concerns and perspectives;
- To establish and maintain one or more organizational offices to carry out the Organization's information, dissemination, network and human rights programs.

In 1977, the International Indian Treaty Council became the first organization of Indigenous Peoples to be so recognized as a Non-governmental Organization with consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active :

Canada, Guatemala, Pacific Basin Region, Panama, and the United States of America.

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