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ADDENDUM TO ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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1. The Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/7/2, entitled “Accreditation of Certain Non-Governmental Organizations”, lists a number of non-governmental organizations which requested, before July 15, 2004, to be granted observer status in sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, according to the Rules of Procedure (see paragraph 8 of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/1/2).

2. The Annex to the present document lists additional organizations, which, subsequent to July 15, 2004, have also requested observer status.

3. *The Intergovernmental Committee is invited to approve the representation in sessions of the Committee of the organization referred to in the Annex to this document, together with the organizations listed in the Annex to document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/7/2, entitled “Accreditation of Certain Non-Governmental Organizations”.*

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

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

Centre for Folklore/Indigenous Studies

Hawaii Institute for Human Rights (HIHR)

Indonesian Traditional Wisdom Network (ITWN)

Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales(IDDRI)

Mbororo Social Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA)

Programme d'intégration et de développement du peuple pygmée au Kivu (PIDP KIVU)

South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

West Africa Coalition for Indigenous Peoples' Rights (WACIPR)

Centre for Folklore/Indigenous Studies

The Centre for Folklore/Indigenous Studies consists of a team of 20 researchers and about 80 master informants. It is a grassroots level Organization functioning since 1995, currently leading seven research institutes on their project on indigenous knowledge at the Panchayat (local governing body) level. The Organization is also involved in a project to revitalize local methods of water harvesting in various villages of north central Kerala. It publishes an indigenous knowledge journal called 'Nattarivu' as well as books relating to indigenous knowledge. The Organization has a legal cell which aims to protect IPR and has collected all printed material available connected to IP issues. Through this legal cell the Organization aims to assist indigenous people to register their indigenous knowledge in the Madras Regional Office.

Main Objectives of the Organization:

- (1.) Documentation and preparation of databases of indigenous knowledge (IK) in audio, video writing methods;
- (2.) Prepare the register of master informants on various IK;
- (3.) Prepare registries of IK on agriculture, water harvesting and ethno-botany etc.;
- (4.) Awareness campaign on IPR and associated benefit-sharing - The Organization conducts workshops to campaign on intellectual property rights, and shares with communities of examples where it has been successful, namely that of the Kani tribe experience in Trivandrum, where the Kani tribe won a case on benefit sharing for a medicinal plant called *Trichopus zeylanicus*. The Organization also conducted poster exhibitions on IP and TRIPS-related issues at in schools and colleges, in 2002- 03;
- (5.) Conducting workshops on new IK innovations with the help of master informants
- (6.) To protect traditional knowledge using *sui generis* systems - the Organization follows a so-called "folklore process" from the stage of identification to that of registration followed by a local declaration;
- (7.) Documentation of lesser known folklore performances, ethnomusicology and natural colors;
- (8.) Legal protection of folklore - The Regional Centre in Madras for IPR has a legal sector. The Organization has sensitized local communities about intellectual property and helps them to procure legal applications for intellectual property so they can register their IK with the Regional Centre in Madras;
- (9.) Developing a scientific methodology to mapping of memory - The Organization follows a self-devised method called "Sharing of Local Knowledge" (SLK) where the researchers collect the diachronic data from the memories of custodians of traditions and wise old folk, and this information is activated through key words.

Description of Activities of Organization:

- (1.) Conducting workshops and participatory gatherings in schools, colleges and villages on various IKs such as agriculture, local seeds, water harvesting, local food etc. In this workshop, the Organization is using the methodology of sharing the local knowledge (SLK);
- (2.) Exhibition of different IKs with photos, films, slides, posters;
- (3.) Printing of various publications and audiovisual materials;

- (4.) Workshops on local crafts-bamboo and pottery, conducting village markets to sell village products including seeds;
(5.) Educative programmes through the folk music (the Organization has 2 ethno-music groups)

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Hawaii Institute for Human Rights (HIHR)

Hawaii Institute for Human Rights (HIHR) is a grassroots community movement to introduce peace, ecology, social justice, and human rights, in Hawaii and to organize for the education, mobilization and realization of those principles into practice in the lives of all people in Hawaii, the Pacific and the global arena. The philosophy of HIHR is a dedication to the promotion of human rights principles and a culture of peace through education and personal empowerment. HIHR advocates the use of international public law instruments in implementing, civil, political, economic, social, cultural, collective and solidarity rights. HIHR strives for social justice in the development of a sustainable security in Hawaii.

HIHR organizes through various volunteer communities to coordinate quality programs to raise awareness and revolutionize advocacy to influence daily living practices and the decision-making process in politics on a grassroots and global level. HIHR is a simple and sincere effort to mobilize its citizens to express their basic rights and explore possibilities for compassion, a culture of peace and a rule of law in their islands.

HIHR has a variety of programs that have so far related to intellectual property (IP) matters. The main area concern Ecological Ethics/Activism/Justice program. The program features many projects that interact with the issue of IP. The main event is the annual Ecological Ethics/Activism/Justice Earth Day Summit in April. So far, there have been four annual conferences. At each yearly gathering, the issue of IP focusing on TK is featured prominently in the first component of the conference: ethics. There is an exploration of the question of respecting TK and the challenges facing the indigenous peoples of Hawaii due to tourism and military development in the islands. *Kanaka Maoli*(Native Hawaiian) speak at the college and community forums to share the indigenous perspective on current events related to the environment.

Another component in the Ecological Ethics/Activism/Justice program is the work with the community of *Kahakuloa, Maui* and *Waianae, Oahu*. These two traditional communities work in partnership with HIHR and the local universities. HIHR provides community classes to the farmers of taro (traditional staple food). Farmers share struggles to maintain traditional way of life. Farmers also bring issues to HIHR to then advocate on their behalf to ensure continuity of the culture and cuisine. HIHR also brings groups of volunteers to live on the land in the two communities. HIHR volunteers pick and plant taro while also maintaining the terraces of taro for farming. HIHR's involvement in taro farming recognizes the well being of Hawaii culture rests with the intellectual and cultural vitality through positive production that have been nurtured and shared from generation to generation since time immemorial in the Pacific. The traditional practices shared from descendants to future farmers must remain in the culture rooted in traditional knowledge.

HIHR is also involved under the Ecological Ethics/Activism/Justice focusing on the issue of biotechnology and genetically modified foods. Hawaii is currently one of the largest test sites for genetically modified seeds. HIHR is working in coalition with other NGOs to educate about the global phenomenon and how communities around the world are handling the technology innovation. HIHR offers films festivals and brings speakers with first hand experience with GMO campaigns. HIHR is also working with the university to examine all impacts on our island lifestyle.

HIHR also works with cultural practitioners in arts and crafts. The main area of HIHR work is with hula practitioners. HIHR brought a *kumu hula* (teacher) to the UN Working Group on Indigenous Peoples in 2003. The *kumu hula* offered the opening thanksgiving and also began to offer hula courses in Europe. In 2004, the *kumu hula* returned to offer courses in Europe based on the traditional model of hula. HIHR continues to support the *kumu hula* activity in Hawaii and where the courses are taught around the world. HIHR works to protect and promote the IP and express of traditional culture based on the practices of *Kanaka Maoli* people.

HIHR also works with *Olelo Hawaii* (language) teachers. Often in Hawaii, there are not enough funds for the language schools. HIHR advocates on behalf and in cooperation with the teachers and the school children to guarantee the perpetuation of *Olelo Hawaii*. HIHR realizes language is a primary base for the culture of the people. HIHR also works with the community leaders to make sure the culture of the people is not further commodified beyond the will of the people. HIHR works to enforce international public law principles such as free, prior and informed consent. This will be an important area of concerted coordination and action relating to tourism and Hawaii's economy.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active:

Hawaii Institute for Human Rights is mainly active in Hawaii and the United States of America. HIHR also operates in the region of the Pacific. HIHR is also involved in various global initiatives in the UN human rights mechanisms.

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The Indonesian Traditional Wisdom Network (ITWN)

Brief Description the Organization:

The Indonesian Traditional Wisdom Network (ITWN) was firstly established on February 9, 1999 at the Seloliman Environmental Education Center, Trawas, Mojokerto, East Java, Indonesia by 18 NGOs: PPLH Seloliman, Walda, Evergreen Indonesia, PPLH Bali, Sankari, Lembaga Riset Advokasi, ELSPAT, YBL Masta, YPKMK, INRIK, YCHI, LPMA, YCM, LP2MD, Yayasan Dian Tama, Patasarlingkara, Gugus Analisis, and Yaseru. Currently ITWN has 61 member organizations and individuals in 11 provinces in Indonesia.

ITWN's main programs are:

- Indigenous Knowledge-based conflict resolution;
- Empowerment of traditional institutions;
- Indigenous Knowledge-based biodiversity conservation;
- Indigenous Knowledge-based technology selection;
- Indigenous Knowledge-based economic development; and,
- Legitimacy of local communities' Intellectual Property Rights.

The network programs are conducted through several activities, namely:

- Member Capacity Building. Network member organizations and individuals are key elements of the network movement, and building their capacity means enhancing their capability to implement the network agenda, which in turn will strengthen the network movement. The capacity building programs have been done through various activities: professional training, community organizing, village meetings.
- Strengthening the Regional Secretariats. Currently ITWN has 8 regional secretariats in 11 provinces in Indonesia: (i) Nusa Tenggara; (ii) Jawa Timur and Bali ; (iii) Jawa Tengah; (iv) DKI and Jawa Barat; (v) Kalimantan Barat; (vi) Kalimantan Selatan; (vii) Sumatera Barat; (viii) Sulawesi.
- Strengthening the National Secretariat. The National Secretariat is designed to disseminate information to the member organizations, to establish campaign and advocacy strategies at the national and international levels, and to conduct fund raising activities.

During the period of 1999-2004, ITWN has implemented several programs: networking consolidation, promotion and campaign, case and policy advocacy, as well as research and study. Starting from the year of 2000 it has conducted a program for the legitimacy of traditional intellectual property rights. In order to raise the awareness on the issue, ITWN conducted in 2000, a National Workshop on "Impact of the Implementation of the TRIPS-WTO Agreement and Decentralization on Sustainable Development and Biodiversity Conservation". In 2001, series of follow-up workshops on the issue were conducted in 7 cities within the country.

In 2002 and 2003 respectively, it claimed the government to legitimate "Toraja Coffee", a brand of traditional coffee produced by the Toraja community in South Sulawesi and "Pasak Bumi", a brand of traditional medicine produced by the Dayak community in Kalimantan, as the traditional communities' intellectual property rights.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active:

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Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales(IDDRI)

Main aims and objectives of the Organization:

The *Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales* (IDDRI) was created in 2001 by six public research organisations and six French ministries. It has four main objectives:

- To take part in the planning of international decisions and in expert groups involved in these processes, thus contributing to build up more equitable and effective global governance.
- To support the scientific groups working on sustainable development by promoting research and multidisciplinary expertise on new subjects.
- To provide timely information to public and private decision-makers, economic and social stakeholders who will thus have at their disposal a range of advice, proposals and scenarios with the soundest possible scientific basis.
- To assemble knowledge and expertise on the main international issues of sustainable development, notably its controversial aspects, and to lead a dialogue about the future together with all the stakeholders, so as to anticipate the questions which might arise and to deal with them before they emerge.

IDDRI is meant to be a forum for debate, where the participants – public administrations, the scientific community, the private sector - jointly define issues requiring more research, debate and identify similarities and differences, thereby creating a common culture.

Description of Activities of Organization:

IDDRI gathers expertise, tackles ideas, organises seminars and debates and produces syntheses. It distributes information and analyses in publications, colloquia, training sessions, and on the Web. The Institute acts at three levels:

- (i) By organizing and strengthening the dialogue between science and decision, the Institute will be a place where emerging issues are identified and specified.

This is achieved through the organization of regular working groups and ad hoc seminars, associating scientists, decision-makers from both public and private sphere, representatives of NGOs, etc. This activity, undertaken at both national and international level, helps in building a common background on, and understanding of the issues at stake, identifies possible consensus and oppositions, and establishes the bases for the construction of co-operative, negotiated solutions. It also allows for a better specification of scientific themes, and the elaboration of a strategy of intervention in the field of research and networking.

(ii) The Institute supports strategic research activities, to build within the scientific community a sustained interest in the various issues at stake:

- the exploration of the social and economical consequences of the progress in fundamental sciences, and the availability of emerging technologies;
- the development of new tools in the field of prospective and modeling;
- a better anticipation of the international agenda in the respective fields of intervention.

(iii) The Institute develops supporting activities in the fields of training, dissemination and follow-up.

The objective is to reinforce the capacities in delivering the appropriate expertise to feed-in the international negotiation process. The Institute supports the constitution of networks of “resource persons”, and organizes training courses for the relevant members of governments and administrations.

The Institute pays also particular attention to the dissemination of scientific knowledge in the respective communities involved, by organizing follow-up activities, broadening the diffusion of information and scientific publications, and facilitating the exchanges of ideas and persons at international level.

Finally, the Institute undertakes publication activities, focused mainly on policy issues, with a view to develop a complementary window for the scientific community, along with the existing academic reviews.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property Matters:

IPRs have become highly politicized in recent years, particularly within the context of the WTO and WIPO. Discussions at Committee links the protection of IP to wide policy objectives such as protection of cultural diversity and biological diversity. Moreover, the specific feature of genetic resources, traditional knowledge and folklore challenges intellectual property tools. Many claims and counterclaims have been leveled without sufficient empirical grounding. The challenge for IDDRI is to parse out the actual impacts of IPRs as incentives or disincentives for sustainable development (environmental protection, protection of traditional knowledge, promotion of technology transfer, protection of agricultural biodiversity, impacts on social equity and cultural diversity) within a wider socio-economic context. This entails pursuing a variety of legal, political, economic and anthropological methodologies relating to both national and global policy settings. IDDRI staff covers a wide range of scientific disciplines (economics, ethnobotany, agronomy, political science, law) necessary to cover the many dimensions of IPR impacts.

IDDRI is involved in IPR-related work including through organising international multi-stakeholders dialogues (e.g. on disclosure of origin in Paris in November 2003) and compiling case studies (IDDRI is at present involved in a study on legal and economic instruments used in France and abroad for taking into account traditional ecological knowledge). A collective book is in preparation compiling different experiences of protecting traditional knowledge in France. As one of these instruments, GIs been implemented in France for more than a century and have given rise to a large number of impact assessments.

IDDDRI tries to involve the already extensive community of French researchers and practitioners working on the impact of GIs on environment and development.

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Mbororo Social Cultural Development Association (MBOSCUDA)

MBOSCUDA is the Mbororo Social Cultural Development Association. It was conceptualized in 1987 and officially recognized by the government of the Republic of Cameroon. As a non-partisan non-profit making social cultural development association, the Organization has the following objectives:

- re-enforce unity ties between its members as well as other people;
- promote the economic, social and cultural development of the Mbororo, especially the women, with a view of poverty reduction and improving living standards;
- promote the education of the Mbororo, focusing on the youth;
- improve agro-pastoral development, protect the environment and natural resource management.

Description of Activities of Organization:

- Awareness-raising - since its creation MBOSCUDA has grown to become the most creditable social movement in Cameroon;
- Education and capacity building by creating primary schools in the provinces;
- Offers scholarships and career opportunities for the youth;
- Healthcare - organizes seminars and workshops to raising awareness within the local communities on STDs, HIV/AIDS;
- Civil rights education through the creation of a paralegal extension programme and providing human rights protection to the communities, Mbororo Fulani;
- Promote women's empowerment and gender equality through education and micro-credits;
- Promote agro-pastoral development and animal healthcare.

Relationship with Intellectual Property Matters:

MBOSCUDA finds itself in direct link with WIPO's objectives and mandate areas in the sense that MBOSCUDA is an organization consisting of an indigenous pastoralist community, with the objectives of defending and promoting the interests of indigenous peoples' knowledge. The Mbororo indigenous pastoralist people of Cameroon, are endowed with vast knowledge of ethno-veterinary medicines, which has been the case for centuries, and used to good effect by the Mbororo pastoralist people. MBOSCUDA therefore wishes to participate in the Committee to be able to gain more experience and knowledge in matters relating to intellectual property.

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Programme d'intégration et de développement du peuple Pygmée au Kivu (PIDP-KIVU)

Main Objectives of the Organization:

- Defend the rights of the Batwa Pygmies and protect their interests.
- Integrate the Batwa Pygmies into the socio-economic development process.

Activities of the Organization:

- Research on and study of the languages specific to the Batwa Pygmies in their province, in particular the languages Mashi, Kirega, Kinyindu and Kitembo, commonly spoken by Batwa peoples in certain parts of the province;
- Collection of certain medicinal plants used by the Batwa in the prevention and treatment of certain diseases. The Organization has discovered that certain treatment methods have been found in traditional medicinal methods for certain diseases which have been in the past difficult to cure in hospitals;
- The practice of the traditional initiation rites of the Pygmies in the region has been strongly opposed by Christianity, but the PIDP-Kivu is trying to increase the awareness of the Pygmies so that they do not to forget their traditions and all the values of their cultures;
- Several artifacts have ceased to exist and the PIDP-Kivu have set up a project, supported by the European Commission, to enhance the value of the pottery produced by the Pygmies;
- PIDP-KIVU has created cultural ballets, which already increase the value of the dance, fields and popular sayings of the Batwa Pygmies in their province.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active:

The Organization is active in former province of Kivu, the provinces of south and north Kivu, Maniema, particularly in the Democratic Republic of Congo in general.

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South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Mandate

The South Pacific Regional Environment Programme's (SPREP) mandate is to promote cooperation in the Pacific islands region and to provide assistance in order to protect and improve the environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

Vision

SPREP's vision is that people of the Pacific islands are better able to plan, protect, manage and use their environment for sustainable development.

Focus

SPREP's unique focus is to sustain the integrity of the ecosystems of the Pacific islands region to support life and livelihoods today and tomorrow.

Description of the Organization's Activities:

SPREP has several work programmes. The most relevant in the context of traditional knowledge and genetic resources is the Island Ecosystems programme which focuses on developing the capacities of the peoples of the islands to equip them to sustainably manage and conserve the terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems of Pacific islands.

SPREP's core work under the Islands Ecosystems programme is to address the issues of ecosystem conservation, the sustainable management of natural resources and the protection of priority threatened species, from the threats of human-induced impacts, invasive species and living modified organisms.

The programme has four broad focus areas: terrestrial island ecosystems, coastal and marine ecosystems, species of special interest and people and institutions.

The stronger linkages to community and economic livelihoods are reflected in the prominence given to the sustainable use concept in resource management, the conservation of ecosystems and the protection of species. There will be greater involvement of the Secretariat in the provision of resource management advice, information and capacity building to support the development of community-based income generating enterprises, resource management planning and ecosystem, and threatened species management and monitoring.

Relationship of the Organization with Intellectual Property matters:

SPREP is one of eight regional organizations in the Pacific, serving the fourteen independent countries and to a lesser degree the seven territories of the region. It is mandated with environmental issues and has been selected as the lead agency to deal with IPR issues as they relate to genetic resources. It provides policy advice and facilitates technical assistance to its member states. Accordingly, it is developing a programme of work encompassing wild

and agricultural biodiversity and how these link to traditional knowledge and economic development.

The exploitation of traditional knowledge has received a lot of publicity in the region and the legal protection of traditional knowledge is a key concern amongst SPREP's member states.

Traditional knowledge has long been a topic of urgency within the CBD and SPREP's Islands Ecosystems Programme is authorized under two key policy documents (the SPREP Action Plan for Managing the Environment of the Pacific Islands Region 2001-2004; and the Action Strategy for Nature Conservation in the Pacific Islands Region 2003-2007) to advance its members interests on this matter.

The move within the IGC towards a global regime traditional knowledge agenda is a critical issue on which this region needs to be informed about and needs to contribute towards.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active:

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West Africa Coalition for Indigenous Peoples' Rights (WACIPR)

Main Aims and Objectives of the Organization:

- (1.) Promote the well-being of Indigenous peoples of West Africa;
- (2.) Highlight and draw attention to issues affecting West Africa Indigenous Peoples;
- (3.) Encourage debates, discussions on government policies, official intentions and issues affecting indigenous peoples to enable them to articulate and take informed positions;
- (4.) Bring broader global issues home to the indigenous peoples and interpret them so that they can beneficially apply the knowledge to the advancement of their civilization;
- (5.) To evolve legitimate ways to lift the indigenous peoples out of poverty;
- (6.) To assist the indigenous peoples to preserve their cultural heritage and intellectual property;
- (7.) To liaise with other NGOs with similar interests

Description of Activities of Organization:

- Advocacy for human rights of indigenous peoples;
- Protection and preservation of cultural heritage of indigenous peoples, bridging the gap between indigenous peoples and the information society through provision of internet services; and,
- Seeking greater recognition and legal protection for traditional knowledge.

Relationship with Intellectual Property Matters:

The West African Coalition for Indigenous Peoples' Rights (WACIPR) works with twenty-seven indigenous communities rich in cultural diversity, customs and values that are centuries old. The Organization is interested in the issues under discussion in the Committee as participation would afford them the opportunity of learning new prospects and new directions in the area of traditional knowledge and intellectual property as well as opportunities to explore ways to protect traditional knowledge.

Countries in which Organization is primarily active:

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