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

Forty-Ninth Session
Geneva, December 2 to 6, 2024

DECISIONS OF THE FORTY-NINTH 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/49/1 Prov. 2 for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3:

ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee unanimously approved the accreditation of Blessings of the Forest (BOTF) Gabon and *Unión de Mujeres Aymaras del Abya Yala Perú* (UMA) as *ad hoc* observers.

In the absence of consensus, the Committee deferred the discussion of document WIPO/GRTKF/IC/49/8 (Proposal for Updating the List of Non-Governmental Organizations admitted as *Ad Hoc* Observers to the IGC) to its Fiftieth Session.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 4:

PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Committee took note of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/49/3 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/49/INF/4.

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

The Chair proposed, and the Committee elected, the following eight members of the Advisory Board to serve in an individual capacity: Ms. Susan ANTHONY; Mr. Manu CADDIE; Mr. Houlton FAASAU; Ms. Evgeniia KOROBEKOVA; Ms. Lea MACKENZIE; Ms. Makhukhumala KAMA; Ms. Sonia Patricia MURCIA ROA; and Ms. Alison URQUIZO. The Central European and Baltic States Group disassociated itself from the election of Ms. Evgeniia KOROBEKOVA to be a member of the Advisory Board.

The Chair of the Committee nominated Ms. Audrey Akweley Yeboawaa Neequaye, a Vice-Chair of the Committee, to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5:

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE/TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

The Committee worked on the basis of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/49/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/49/5. However, Member States were unable to reach consensus on the facilitator's proposed texts and decided not to transmit those texts to the 50th Session of the IGC. Instead, the Committee decided to continue working on the basis of documents WIPO/GRTKF/IC/49/4 and WIPO/GRTKF/IC/49/5.

Furthermore, some Member States proposed that the 50th Session of the IGC should use the Chair's text WIPO/GRTKF/IC/47/Chairs Text as a basis for negotiation, while some Member States opposed.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 6:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no discussion under this item.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 7:

CLOSING OF THE SESSION

The Committee adopted its decisions on agenda items 2, 3, 4 and 5 on December 6, 2024.

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