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

**Thirty-Sixth Session**

**Geneva, June 25 to 29, 2018**

INFORMATION NOTE FOR THE PANEL OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

*Document prepared by the Secretariat*

1. At its Seventh Session, the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (“the Committee”) agreed “that, immediately before the commencement of the sessions of the Committee, half-day panel presentations should be organized, chaired by a representative from a local or indigenous community”. These panels have since been organized for each Committee session convened since 2005.
2. Pursuant to the IGC’s mandate and its work program for the 2018-2019 biennium, the next Committee session, being the Thirty-Sixth Session, will focus on genetic resources. The theme of the panel at the Thirty-Sixth Session will be: “Practical Measures Relating to Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources: Databases and Contracts – Indigenous Peoples’ and Local Communities’ Perspectives”.
3. The Annex contains the provisional program of the panel for the Thirty-Sixth Session.

[Annex follows]

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OF THE PANEL

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| Monday, June 25, 2018 | |  |
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| 11.00 | Opening | |
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|  | Chair – (to be identified by the WIPO Indigenous Consultative Forum) | |
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| 11.00 – 11.15 | Mr. Aleksey Tsykarev, Member and Former Chairperson‑Rapporteur of the United Nations Expert  Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Russian Federation | |
| 11.15 – 11.30 | Ms. Sue Noe, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund, United States of America | |
| 11.30 – 11.45 | Floor discussion and closing of panel | |
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