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

Forty-Eighth Session
Geneva, November 29, 2024

DECISIONS OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

Adopted by the Committee

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 2:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Committee elected Ms. Erika Watanabe Patriota of Brazil and Ms. Anna Vuopala of Finland as its Co-Chairs for the Forty-Eighth and Fifty-First Sessions. The Committee elected Ms. Anna Vuopala of Finland as its Chair for the Forty-Ninth Session, and Ms. Erika Watanabe Patriota of Brazil as its Chair for the Fiftieth Session. The Committee elected Ms. Erika Watanabe Patriota of Brazil as its Vice-Chair for the Forty-Ninth Session and Ms. Anna Vuopala of Finland as its Vice-Chair for the Fiftieth Session. The Committee also elected Dr. Alhanoo Aldebasi of Saudi Arabia and Ms. Audrey Akweley Yeboawaa Neequaye of Ghana as its Vice-Chairs for the 2024/2025 biennium. Co-chairpersonship creates no precedence for future sessions of the IGC or other WIPO Committees.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 3:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair submitted the draft agenda circulated as WIPO/GRTKF/IC/48/1 Prov. for adoption and it was adopted.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 4:

ACCREDITATION OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee unanimously approved the accreditation of Aotearoa Indigenous Rights Charitable Trust (AIR Trust), *Association Culturelle Afro-cubaine Congoreal*, Ayurveda Doctor's Association of Nepal (ADAN), *Black Lion Juridiques*, Civil Society Coalition on Indigenous Peoples in Uganda (CSCIPU), ECOHUMANITA, Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians (EBKI), Global Access in Action (GAiA), Green Forum Nepal (GFN), International Seed Federation (ISF), *Kültürel Araştırmalar Vakfı (KAV)/Cultural Research Foundation*, Paul Awan Initiative for Development, and *Union des Peuples Autochtones/Batwa pour le Développement et l'Insertion Socio-économique (UPADIS/Batwa-DRC)* as *ad hoc* observers.

DECISION ON AGENDA ITEM 5:

TAKING STOCK OF THE PROGRESS MADE ON GENETIC RESOURCES AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ASSOCIATED WITH GENETIC RESOURCES AND DISCUSSING ANY ISSUES ARISING FROM THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE

The Committee took stock of progress made on genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, and took note of the adoption of the *WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge, 2024*.

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 November 29, 2024.

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