

EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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STATEMENT BY THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)

[Madam] Chair,
Distinguished Members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,
Distinguished Delegates and Representatives of Indigenous Organizations,

It is my honor to speak on behalf of the Secretariat of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

My name is Anna Sinkevich, and I am WIPO Indigenous Fellow.

WIPO, as one of the stakeholders of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, supports the objectives of the International Decade in accordance with its mandate.

Let me briefly refer to a recent and concrete initiative taken by WIPO to contribute to the first Output pursued by the Global Action Plan of the International Decade, namely to build up, I quote, an "Inclusive, equitable, intercultural, quality education and lifelong learning environments and opportunities in Indigenous languages [...]."

In recent years, WIPO has developed a wide range of resources that aims to raise Indigenous Peoples' awareness of the intellectual property aspects to consider for protecting their traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions, and related products and services, and enable them to make best use, if they so wish, of intellectual property tools in support of such protection and their own development.

A WIPO Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge Language Pack comprising a selection of short written and audio materials has been translated into eight indigenous languages. The Language Pack includes *inter alia* practical advice for better protection and promotion of goods and services of indigenous peoples and local community entrepreneurs online.

A short educational animation produced by WIPO has also been translated into those languages.

These translations will be available on the WIPO website shortly.

We would like to thank the Government of Canada for having offered its support to expand the translation of the WIPO Language Pack into three additional indigenous languages, bringing the total number of translations of the Language Pack to eleven.

The WIPO Open Access Policy provides that these selected resources, as most of the WIPO Publications published online, are free for anyone to translate under WIPO's name, provided that such translation is accompanied by an acknowledgement of the source, and indicates if changes were made to the original content.

We would like to seize this opportunity to invite all interested countries and indigenous peoples to join this initiative.

I thank you for your attention.
