

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Eleventh session

Agenda item 5: World Intellectual Property Organization

Statement by the Arctic Caucus

Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

The Arctic Caucus would like to put forward the following proposed recommendations to be direct to WIPO, for the Permanent Forum's consideration:

Calls on WIPO to adopt modalities that allow for full and effective participation of indigenous peoples' representatives in the WIPO IGC negotiations on the legally binding instruments for the effective protection of indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions, respectively;

Encourage the WIPO IGC to hold intersessional meetings in between the IGC sessions, open to a limited number of delegates, with adequate indigenous peoples' representation;

Calls on WIPO to appoint an indigenous peoples' representative to the group of facilitators tasked with conducting technical reviews of the texts subject to negotiations in between sessions based on state and observer interventions;

Further calls on WIPO to, as long as the negotiations on the traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions instruments are ongoing, arrange annual meeting of indigenous experts representing the seven geopolitical regions recognized by the Permanent Forum;

We thank you, Mr. Chairperson.