

## **Application Letter for WIPO Observer Status Accreditation**

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Dear whom it may concern,

We, IPLLeft, would like to apply for the WIPO permanentobserver accreditation as a nation non-government organization(NGO). IPLLeft was launched in 1999 as an NGO in South Korea and now it is registered in the municipal office of Seoul as a non-for-profit organization. Basically, IPLLeft is individual membership based organization which supports the democratic governing body.

Main purpose of IPLLeft is to examine the existing intellecual property regimes and to make alternative system that all the people can have equitable access to knowledge and culture. We have carried out lots of work related to the intellectual property such as copyright, patent, trademark etc.

IPLLeft has tried to promote the civil society participationin the policy making process and, in particular, has intervened many intellectual property related legislation processes of the parliament on the basis of human rights and liberty representing the common people's interests. It has focused on the issues of compulsory license & public health, open access model to information, free-use&open source software, trademarks and domain names, copyrightfair use and public domain etc.

IPLLeft is willing to promote and facilitate many NGOs and civil society participation in WIPO proceedings, and in particular to increase participation of consumer and citizen interests. At a national level, IPLLeft has made a public campaign for copyright issues very actively and tried to amend it by reflecting the characters of digital networks and

environments(<http://www.ipleft.or.kr/antilaw>). And in 2005, IPLleft developed an open access license to information for Koreans(<http://www.freeuse.or.kr>) as an alternative model for copyright regimes.

IPLleft has raised the issues of the public health and compulsory licensing on the essential medicine, especially it has worked for a legislation of 'compulsory license for export of medicine to developing countries'(<http://www.ipleft.or.kr/patent>). Recently this act was passed in the Korean Parliament.

IPLleft participated in the processes of the World Summit on the Information Society of UN(WSIS) in 2003. It actively joined Korean Civil Society Network for WSIS and contributed position paper(declaration and action plans) on intellectual property regimes.(<http://www.wsis.or.kr>)

at a national level. And it also participated in the international discussion of civil society working groups(<http://www.wsis-cs.org>) in particular Patent, Copyright and Trademarks Working Group(<http://www.wsis-pct.org>).

In terms of WIPO affairs, we participated in the international meeting to discuss A2K treaty which was organized by NGOs such as Third World Network and Consumer Project on Technology. Recently we held a open forum on the future of WIPO and intellectual property issue by inviting James Love of CPTech in South Korea. (<http://www.ipleft.or.kr/maybbs/showview.php?db=ip&code=notice&n=57>).

We would like to work more actively by obtaining the accreditation of WIPO permanent observer status. It will be a great opportunity for Korean NGOs and civil society entities to know WIPO and intellectual property regimes.

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