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Resolution of the Executive Committee, Melbourne, Australia, 12 to 17 October 1986

“Micro-organisms”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Melbourne, Australia, 12-17 October 1986, resolved that:

- (a) All types of biological invention should be patentable, whatever the origin.
- (b) Patent Offices should not refuse an application on the ground of non-availability of the micro-organism involved in a microbiological invention in the absence of a deposit except when it is a clear-cut case that the invention was not disclosed in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for it to be carried out by a person skilled in the art.
- (c) Deposition could be subject to regulation only for living material capable of directing its own replication.