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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF  
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VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

## Resolution of the Executive Committee, Melbourne, Australia 15-17 & 21 April 2012

### “Patent Quality”

**FICPI**, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its World Congress and Executive Committee held in Melbourne, Australia 15-17 & 21 April 2012, passed the following Resolution:

**Noting** that a quality patent is one that confers rights commensurate with the inventor’s contribution to the art;

**Emphasising** that it is desirable that all granted patents be quality patents, and quality patents can be derived only from quality patent specifications;

**Emphasising** that the drafting of quality patent specifications requires the skill, training, and experience of properly-qualified professional representatives;

**Believing** that with an ever-increasing number of patent applications, many of which are directed to new and/or complex technologies, there is an increasing need for professional representatives who are both legally and technically well qualified;

**Believing** that there is also an increasing need for well-qualified and properly-trained patent examiners, in order to ensure that the patents that are granted are quality patents;

**Urges** that the patent profession and the authorities cooperate in the exchange of information and in the training of both representatives and examiners so that each understands the other’s requirements for a quality patent.