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VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

## Resolution of the Executive Committee, Toronto, Canada, 3-5 & 8 June 2018 “Trademark Applicants should be given reasonable length of time to respond to office correspondence during prosecution and the opportunity to recover deadlines”

**FICPI**, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Toronto, Canada from 3 to 5 and 8 June 2018, passed the following Resolution:

**Observing** that when prosecuting trademarks in some countries and regions, Applicants are given very short periods of time to respond to Official Actions and other Notifications ("Office Correspondence");

**Considering** that loss of a trademark through failure to meet an official deadline can result in irrevocable loss of rights and irreparable damage to the applicant's business;

**Urges** that:

- a) IP Offices allow Trademark applicants at least two months to respond to Office Correspondence before irrevocable loss of rights occurs;
- b) IP Offices permit an extension of time to respond to Office Correspondence; and
- c) IP Offices offer Trademark applicants relief measures for a failure to comply with a deadline when to do so was unintentional.

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