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VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

## Resolution of the Executive Committee, Vancouver, Canada 12-16 June 2000

### Resolution E: “Maintaining the Quality of Patent Office Work”

**FICPI**, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee and World Congress held in Vancouver, Canada, 12-16 June 2000, passed the following Resolution:

**Having taken note** of increasing efforts by national authorities and international organizations to achieve a substantial cost reduction for users of patent systems,

**Having taken note** of the intention to simplify and shorten the search, examination and grant procedures for patents, and

**Having taken note** that the EPO, JPO and USPTO are contemplating the gradual adoption of mutual recognition procedures in connection with search, examination and grant,

**Insisting** that these developments be non-detrimental to the quality of the work done by Patent Offices,

**Therefore asks the relevant authorities**

- a) to allocate to Patent Office the human and financial means to reach or maintain a high level of quality of search, examination and grant procedures, and in particular,
- b) to allocate a sufficient proportion of the fees collected by the relevant Patent Offices to the investments necessary to maintain the quality of these procedures.