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Identity “WHOIS” Information

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its World Congress held in Paris from 23 to 26 May 2006, passed the following Resolution:

Whereas identity (“WHOIS”) information databases contain information, collected by Registrars, including the names and addresses of domain name holders;

Whereas ICANN is considering the extent to which Registrars should be obliged to collect, and make available, identity and contact information of domain name holders;

Whereas the availability of accurate identity and contact information of domain name holders is essential for effective intellectual property rights enforcement;

Recognising legitimate privacy concerns, and **noting** the existence of several proposals that would ensure that privacy is balanced with the need to identify and pursue those who infringe intellectual property rights, but emphasising that privacy must never protect piracy;

FICPI urges ICANN, Registrars and others tasked with registering domain names to provide up-to-date and accurate identity (“WHOIS”) information to those with a legitimate need to obtain such information, particularly those pursuing infringement of intellectual property rights.