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## Resolution of the Executive Committee, Cannes, France, 26-29 September 1967

### “Patent Cooperation Treaty (B.I.R.P.I. Plan)”

**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 Cannes, France, 26-29 September 1967, passed the following Resolution:

- **HAVING** studied at the text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (B.I.R.P.I. Plan) drafted by B.I.R.P.I.;
- **CONSIDERS** it highly desirable to avoid multiplication of the search work for patent applications for the same invention in different countries having novelty search;
- **SUPPORTS** the resolutions of the Executive Committee of A.I.P.P.I. in Helsinki on September 1, 1967 and of the European Patent Agents Study Group in Cannes on September 23, 1967;
- **CONSIDERS** the solution proposed in the B.I.R.P.I. Plan to be so ambitious and complicated that it would hardly be operable in practice;
- **CONSIDERS** that in order to find out in what examination countries patent applications for the same invention have been filed, it is not necessary to create a supranational Filing Office, which as a consequence would add to the present complications, since to obtain the same result simpler solutions are possible;
- **CONSIDERS** that decentralization of the novelty search in various locations - e.g. I.I.B. in The Hague and the Patent Offices of U.S.A., U.R.S.S., Japan and Germany, would certainly not lead to substantially similar search results;
- **WOULD WELCOME AND SUPPORT** the appointment of an international Committee comprising government officials, patent agents, industry representatives and experts in automatic documentation for further study of search systems.