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Resolution of the Executive Committee, Hilton Head Island, USA, 18 to 23 October 1987

“Harmonization of Patent Laws”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Hilton Head Island, USA, 18-23 October 1987, passed the following Resolution:

Referring to the resolutions on Harmonization of Patent Laws adopted during the Executive Committee Meetings in Funchal in January 1986 and in Melbourne in October 1986,

Expresses its support for the proposal for a balanced package solution including as core elements universal adoption of the first-to-file system and an international grace period as made by the US delegation at the third session of the WIPO Committee of Experts in March 1986, and

Considering that attempts to harmonize provisions on enforcement of patent rights should not be made out of context with the work already performed and still going on in the WIPO Expert Committee, and that a need exists at the international level to improve access to enforcement in the period between filing and grant,

Recommends that harmonization of provisions concerning enforcement of patent rights including access to enforcement at the application stage be taken up within the WIPO harmonization project.