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Resolution of the Executive Committee, Cape Town, South Africa, 13 to 17 March 2011

“Grace Period”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 13 to 17 March 2011, passed the following resolution:

Recalling that certain countries had, but no longer have, a novelty grace period, whereby disclosure of an invention derived directly or indirectly from the inventor for a limited time before the filing of a patent application filed by or on behalf of the inventor was not considered to be comprised within the state of the art for such patent application,

Observing that in practice the experience with grace periods is generally positive,

Continues to support the introduction of a harmonised world-wide 12-month grace period, as urged in earlier FICPI resolutions.