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Resolution of the Executive Committee 19 May 2021

“The Protection of Partial Designs”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled online for a meeting of its Executive Committee held on 19 May 2021, passed the following resolution:

NOTING that novelty may reside in a design applied to a portion of an article (referred to as a “partial design”);

OBSERVING that only some jurisdictions provide for the protection of partial designs;

RECOGNISING that some of these jurisdictions require that a partial design be part of a complex and/or larger product;

BELIEVING that partial designs are deserving of protection and should be protectable when represented as a standalone design, or as part of a complex and/or larger product;

FURTHER BELIEVING there should not be any requirement for the portion of an article embodying a partial design to be manufactured separately from the remainder of the article;

URGES all jurisdictions to provide for the protection of partial designs;

FURTHER URGES that such provision should not require:

- a) the entire article including the partial design to be represented; or
- b) that a partial design be part of a complex and/or larger product; or
- c) that the portion of an article embodying the partial design be manufactured separately from the remainder of the article.