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## Resolution of the Executive Committee 19 May 2021

### “Expedited examination of trade marks”

**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 trade mark examination timelines vary in different jurisdictions, with some having lengthy delays.

**FURTHER NOTING** that whereas certain jurisdictions permit expedited examination, with or without requiring additional fees or justification supporting the request, other jurisdictions do not provide for expedited examination.

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that expedited examination, with or without additional fees, is a valuable and necessary tool for rights holders, in that certain jurisdictions require trade mark registration in order to enforce and/or enhance trade mark rights.

**OBSERVING** that trade mark registration may provide additional benefits including compliance with marketing regulations, availability of subsidies and accessibility to notice-and-take-down mechanisms.

**URGES** Trade Mark Offices to provide applicants with the option of expedited examination, with or without requiring additional fees or justification.