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Resolution of the Executive Committee, London, United Kingdom 2 to 4 October 2023

“Standard Formats for Design/Design Patent Applications”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in London, United Kingdom, 2 to 4 October 2023, passed the following resolution:

RECOGNIZING that jurisdictions and IP Offices worldwide are engaged in efforts to create uniform approaches to filing design/design patent applications, and that these discussions are taking place in various fora;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING the possibility in most jurisdictions for filing design/design patent applications electronically;

NOTING that the vast majority of IP Offices which allow electronic filing require raster graphic formats (e.g., JPEG, GIF, TIFF, PNG, BMP) as the representations of the design, with varying file size and resolution requirements;

FUTHER NOTING very few IP Offices accept file formats such as vector graphic formats (e.g., some PDF, SVG), three-dimensional representations (e.g., OBJ, STL, X3D, DWG) or video formats (e.g., SWF, MPEG, WMV);

OBSERVING that raster graphic formats have limitations in representing a design, particularly when resizing or detailed views are required, whether at the time of filing or in subsequent examination proceedings;

BELIEVING that the use of vector graphic formats

- will provide a stepless and lossless scalability of design representations,
- will reduce memory space compared to raster graphics formats,
- will open the possibility for automated digital comparison of images;



FURTHER BELIEVING that the use of three-dimensional representations and/or videos

- will provide applicants appropriate ways to protect three dimensional designs without the need for incomplete two-dimensional representations,
- will provide applicants appropriate ways to protect new types of designs;

URGES IP Offices

- to permit the use of at least one standard vector graphic format (e.g. SVG, CAD, AI) as a design representation file type, and
- to work towards permitting the use of standard three-dimensional representations and standard video formats in design/design patent applications.