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VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

## Resolution of the Executive Committee, Funchal, Madeira (Portugal), 13-17 January 1986

### “Protection of Computer Software”

**FICPI**, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Funchal, Madeira (Portugal), 13-17 January 1986, passed the following Resolution:

**Having considered** the Final Report of its *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Protection of Computer Software as it pertains to the copyrightability of computer programs; and

**Having considered** that there exists in certain countries an absence of protection of computer programs by copyright or an uncertainty as to whether such protection exists or whether it will continue if it does exist; and

**Recognizing** that there is no present likelihood of a treaty directed to the protection of computer programs by copyright;

*Now therefore:*

- 1) In those countries where there have been favourable court rulings on the protectability of computer programs, FICPI supports codification of such rulings by specific legislation, whether by way of patent, copyright or other legislation;
- 2) In those countries where there have been unfavourable court rulings, denying protection to computer programs, FICPI supports the replacement of such rulings by specific legislation, whether by way of patent, copyright or other legislation;
- 3) In those countries where there have been no specific legislation or court rulings on the protectability of computer programs, FICPI supports the enactment of such legislation, whether by way of patent, copyright or other legislation.