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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
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INTERNATIONALE FÖDERATION
VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

Resolution of the Executive Committee, Copenhagen, Denmark 7-12 September 1997

“Cost Efficiency in the Patent System”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee and World Congress held in Copenhagen, Denmark, 7-12 September 1997, passed the following Resolution:

Considering the continuing international discussions and initiatives taken to find ways for reduction of patent costs,

Takes the view

- that the development of advanced searching tools and information exchange systems opens the possibility of conducting a search from any geographical location at which an applicant has access to qualified professional service; and
- that there is a particular need for a user of the patent system to be able to have a search made on the basis of a disclosure in his own language, and

Resolves

- that the advanced international searching tools and information exchange systems developed by the initiative of major patent offices be made available in all countries to both national patent offices and independent IP practitioners, thereby enhancing the viability of both the national patent offices and the local IP profession to the benefit of industry in those countries.