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## Resolution of the Executive Committee, Vancouver, Canada 12-16 June 2000

### Resolution C: “Official Surplus”

**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 Vancouver, Canada, 12-16 June 2000, passed the following Resolution:

**Noting** that a number of Intellectual Property Offices, including WIPO, EPO and the USPTO, operate at a trading surplus,

**Welcoming** that this has resulted in significant reductions in the level of fees,

**Recognising** that it is largely Intellectual Property owners and other users of the services of the Offices concerned who pay the fees and charges that contribute the surplus,

**Appreciating** the desirability of those Offices maintaining the service levels and meeting the demands brought about by new technologies and increased levels of activities and for making investment in resources that will lead to further efficiencies and cost reduction,

**Believing** that there are proposals that the accumulated surplus be used for other purposes,

**Resolves** that accumulated surpluses should be applied to improve the services provided by those Offices, and

**Urges** all relevant authorities to ensure that accumulated surpluses are neither appropriated, spent on, nor otherwise used to support activities unrelated to the furtherance of the intellectual property system.