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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
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INTERNATIONALE FÖDERATION
VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

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

Resolution G: “International Grace Period”

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:

Taking note of the successful conclusion of the Patent Law Treaty on June 2, 2000 and welcoming the future implementation of the Treaty in national and regional patent legislation world-wide as a vital instrument to further harmonization of formalities and procedural provisions for the filing and prosecution of patent applications,

Having considered

- 1) the development of patent law at the national and regional level to meet the needs of business caused by the rapidly increasing use of information technology, including in particular the use of the Internet for exchange of information within the scientific and technological community, and
- 2) the forthcoming revision of the European Patent Convention to be concluded at the Diplomatic Conference from 20th to 29th November 2000,

Confirms its previous and continued support for a harmonized international grace period,

Resolves that urgent reconsideration of the introduction of an international novelty grace period into the laws of as many territories as possible should be undertaken as an initial step to further the development and harmonization of substantive patent law in step with the development of technology and industry, and

Urges the Commission of the European Community and the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organization to take appropriate and urgent measures to promote such reconsideration.