

Resolution of the Executive Committee, Seville, 4-9 February 2001

"Harmonisation in Electronic Filing"

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession of more than 70 countries, assembled its Executive Committee meeting held in Seville from February 4 to 9, 2001, passed the following Resolution:

Observing a huge diversity of efforts made by IP Offices around the world, notably the EPO, the JPO, the USPTO, the German Patent Office and WIPO, each on its own, to take profit of the fast development in e-commerce, and bearing in mind the interests of our mutual clients and of our profession of a simplified effective electronic access to the offices,

Resolves to urge all intellectual property offices and WIPO to harmonise these electronic access and filing modalities and to search for one common standard in this regard.