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VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

## Resolution of the Executive Committee, Lisbon, Portugal, from 30 October to 2 November 2005

### “Opposition Practice”

**FICPI**, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Lisbon, Portugal, from 30 October to 2 November 2005, passed the following Resolution:

**Recognising** the desirability for proceedings allowing any party to oppose at an administrative level an intellectual property right as granted or as intended to be granted, and

**Considering** that such opposition proceedings should be neither unreasonably complex nor prolonged;

**Urges** that any such opposition system should provide as follows:

- i| any terms for filing and substantiating an opposition should be sufficiently long to allow an opponent fully to prepare his case;
- ii| the extent to which the right is opposed should be fully presented together with all available supporting evidence and arguments before expiry of any such terms; and
- iii| a time schedule for completion of the proceedings should be established, such schedule being as short as reasonably possible taking into account the number of opponents, the difficulty of the matter and the amount of evidence and argument, whilst allowing for the possibility of settlement discussions.