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National Intellectual Property Offices

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its World Congress held in Paris from 23 to 26 May 2006, passed the following Resolution:

Emphasising the need for some applicants for cost-effective protection at the national level; and

Appreciating the important role of national Intellectual Property Offices in dealing with local applicants in their mother tongue and supporting the intellectual property system in their own territories by providing services such as:

- educating the public by promoting the advantages of intellectual property protection to the public,
- making intellectual property information publicly available,
- disseminating intellectual property information to the public; and
- providing a source of advice to national governments in consultation with all interested parties, including the profession;

FICPI urges national governments to strengthen such national Offices in their primary role of registering intellectual property rights and in providing such services.