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Quality Patents

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:

Observing continuing changes in the nature of the global economy, and the increasing significance of intellectual property rights in that economy;

Recognising the challenges facing the intellectual property system in the context of such changes, but reaffirming the importance of intellectual property rights to protect investment in innovation and thereby stimulate economic growth, irrespective of the character of such innovation; and

Appreciating the complexity of such challenges, but **stressing** the importance of high quality patent grants in helping to meet such challenges;

FICPI urges that:

- patents should be available in all fields of technology;
- patent offices should apply patentability laws exclusively, granting a fair scope of protection that is commensurate with the contribution to the art, without taking account of public policy or competition law.