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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
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VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

Resolution of the Executive Committee, Melbourne, Australia 15-17 & 21 April 2012

“General cooperation and communication between the IP profession and IP authorities to the benefit of the IP System”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its World Congress and Executive Committee held in Melbourne, Australia 15-17 & 21 April 2012, passed the following Resolution:

Emphasising that cooperation between IP authorities and the IP profession is vital to the health of the IP system;

Emphasising that FICPI, including its national groups, is always ready to engage with the authorities in order to assist in the development of the IP system;

Believing that FICPI can make a unique and valuable contribution to such development because:

- it represents all types of users of the IP system, that is individuals, SMEs, and larger corporations, whether they are the holders or potential holders of IP rights, or whether they may be affected by the IP rights of third parties,
- it has members from all over the world,
- its largest specialist commission (the Study and Work Commission – the CET) is dedicated to assisting in the development of IP laws and practices so that they are of maximum benefit to the IP system and its users, having a number of expert sub-commissions tasked with working on specific areas of the law;

Noting that the study of proposals put forward by IP authorities often requires a great deal of detailed work and is therefore time-consuming;

Urges that IP authorities invite FICPI to comment on all their proposals relating to the development of IP laws and practices, and allow enough time for FICPI to comment in a considered and authoritative manner