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Resolution of the Executive Committee, Kyoto, Japan 6-10 April 2014

“Sequence Listing”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Kyoto, Japan, 6-10 April 2014, passed the following Resolution:

Recognising that inventions in the biotechnology field frequently require the filing of a nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequence listing together with a patent application;

Further recognising that such sequence listings, by their own nature, may be extremely large in size;

Noting that most patent offices require the sequence listings to be filed in electronic form so that they can be easily accessed and searched;

Further noting that certain patent offices still impose on patent applicants a page-based fee for such sequence listings, despite the fact that the sequence listing is only useful in an electronic form;

Observing that this causes a high expense for patent applicants in the biotechnology field;

Further acknowledging that the majority of patent offices, without requiring any additional fee, electronically publish the sequence listings or at least make them available to the public through their web sites;

Urges patent offices requiring sequence listings to be filed in electronic form, to refrain from imposing on patent applicants a page-based fee for these listings.