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

“Protection of Geographical Indications for non-food products in the European Union (EU)”

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:

Noting that the Lisbon Agreement for the Protection of Appellations of Origin and their International registration (adopted on 31 October 1958) and the TRIPs Agreement (in effect from 1 January 1995) regulate the protection of Appellations of Origin (AO) or Geographical Indications (GIs) without limitation to certain beverages and agricultural products (food);

Further noting that the European Union (EU) has already introduced legislation by way of EU-Regulations for GI protection for agricultural products¹, wine² and spirits³;

Considering that it is not fair that certain products can enjoy a legitimate GI protection and appropriate measures to counteract illegitimate use of GIs, but that certain other products cannot;

Observing with interest that the Commission of the EU has already identified the need for appropriate protection of GIs also for non-agricultural products and is considering introducing a EU-Regulation for GI protection for non-agricultural products, based on the EU-Regulations for GIs already existing;

Welcomes and supports the introduction of appropriate protection for non-agricultural GIs by way of a EU-Regulation in line with the EU-Regulations for GIs already existing, and

Urges other jurisdictions providing GI protection for agricultural products to extend such protection to non-agricultural products.

¹ COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 510/2006 of 20 March 2006 on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs

² COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 479/2008 of 29 April 2008 on the common organisation of the market in wine

³ REGULATION (EC) No 110/2008 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 15 January 2008 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of spirit drinks and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1576/89