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VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

Resolution of the Executive Committee, Cannes, France 26 June-01 July 1988

“Removal of Exclusions from Patentability”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee and World Congress held in Cannes, France, 26 June-01 July 1988, passed the following Resolution:

having discussed the position and development of intellectual property protection in a changing world

considering:

that it is of essential importance to the credibility and usefulness of the patent system that patent protection can be obtained for innovations in all branches of technology, in order that the protection of emerging new technologies, including in particular biotechnology and advanced computer systems, should not be left to arrangements outside the existing types of industrial property protection as covered by the Paris Convention,

and further **considering:**

the foreseeable continuously increasing growth and importance of innovations within such new technologies, and the advantages to be obtained from harmonisation, including as an essential element the availability of patent protection within all sectors of technology,

resolves:

that authorities and interested circles in all countries, especially those participating in the WIPO Committee on Experts on Harmonisation of Laws for the protection of Inventions, be urged to remove all existing exclusions from patentability as the reasons for setting up such limits within the patent system no longer justify the maintenance of any exclusions, and to provide that patent protection can be obtained for innovations in all branches of technology.