

Resolution of the Executive Committee, Zurich, Switzerland, 10-14 April 2016

"Accurate registers in the Madrid System"

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Zurich, Switzerland, 10-14 April 2016, passed the following Resolution:

Observing the growing use of the Madrid system for the registration of International trade marks which is a mechanism to obtain national/regional trade mark rights that affect all interested parties;

Recognizing that publicly accessible Registers provide valuable information about trade mark rights, including trade mark ownership;

Considering that there is an obligation on the International Bureau and the offices of contracting parties of the Madrid system to maintain their registers current and accurate;

Believing that there is an important public interest in maintaining Registers that contain such current and accurate information about trade mark rights, including trade mark ownership;

Urges the International Bureau and the offices of contracting parties to the Madrid system to maintain publicly accessible Registers that are current and accurate.