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## Resolution of the Executive Committee, Hangzhou, China 26-30 March 2017

### “PCT National Phase Entry by Electronic Means”

**FICPI**, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Hangzhou, China from 26 to 30 March 2017, passed the following Resolution:

**Noting** the International Bureau’s proposal for a centralised system for national phase entry of an International Application using the ePCT platform;

**Recognizing and supporting** the desire to reduce resubmission of bibliographic data by applicants and their local representatives at national phase entry which can lead to the introduction of errors or inconsistency in data;

**Recognizing** the numerous challenges in implementing a centralised system owing to the diversity of national/regional procedures, including, but not limited to, documentary requirements, fee payments and the opportunity to make amendments to the application;

**Urges and encourages** national/regional offices to first provide localised national phase entry systems that allow automatic extraction of current PCT bibliographic data, taking into account the need for translation of selected data, whilst allowing for indications of changes in bibliographic data not yet recorded at the International Bureau; and

**Urges** the International Bureau to work with the national/regional offices to facilitate provision of such localised national phase entry systems;

**Further urges** the International Bureau to subsequently ensure that any centralised national phase entry system would fully cater for the diverse national/regional procedures and provide benefit to applicants over improved localised national phase entry systems.

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