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FICPI Congress Resolution, Toronto, Canada, 5-8 June 2018 “Harmonised approach for the protection of GUIs and Icons”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its World Congress held in Toronto, Canada, 5-8 June 2018, passed the following Resolution:

Observing the rise in the number of static and dynamic (animated) Graphical User Interfaces (GUI) and Icons created and sought to be protected by Design Registration;

Noting the work of World Intellectual Property Organization’s Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications (SCT) in studying the legal protection for GUIs and Icons based on an international survey and the results which show that 95% of the responding jurisdictions provide protection for GUIs and Icons, **but** one third demands additional or special requirements;

Observing the variations in the requirements for representation of GUIs and Icons;

Urges:

- (i) Authorities to ensure the availability of design protection for GUIs and Icons;
- (ii) Intellectual Property Offices to provide clear guidelines for the filing of applications directed to GUIs and Icons and that such guidelines be flexible enough to accommodate emerging forms of GUIs such as projected designs, virtual reality designs and augmented reality designs; and
- (iii) Authorities to work towards international convergence of the criteria for the representation of such designs within a reasonable time-frame.

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