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## Resolution of the Executive Committee, Turin, Italy 31 March to 4 April 2019

### “Virtual Designs”

**FICPI**, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Turin, Italy, 31 March to 4 April 2019, passed the following Resolution:

**Noting** the well-established value of Industrial Design in both domestic and global markets, and the increasing commercial importance of Virtual Designs, such as projected designs and designs in virtual and augmented realities,

**Recognising** that significant investment goes into creating such designs,

**Further recognising** some jurisdictions require that a design be embodied in or applied to an article of manufacture for registration and/or enforcement in a way that means Virtual Designs are not registerable and/or not enforceable,

**Also recognising** some jurisdictions already allow the registration and enforcement of Virtual Designs without such a requirement,

**Believing** that the definition of an Industrial Design should not be overly restrictive and should reflect advances in technology and commerce,

**Urges** jurisdictions to allow for the registration and enforcement of Virtual Designs.