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

“Issuance of IP office guidelines”

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 that IP office guidelines issued and published by IP offices are useful for assisting examiners and applicants,

Noting the absence of published IP office guidelines for some IP offices,

Further noting that some guidelines are issued by IP offices without meaningful consultation with stakeholders, including representatives, including a careful consideration of their views,

Observing that whilst examples are useful in the guidelines, they should be well reasoned and consistent with established case law, legislation and regulations,

Urges all IP offices to issue and publish up-to-date guidelines,

Further urges IP offices to undertake meaningful consultation with all stakeholders, including representatives, prior to issuing or updating such guidelines, and

Further urges IP offices to ensure that all examples provided in guidelines are well reasoned and consistent with established case law, legislation and regulations.