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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
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INTERNATIONALE FÖDERATION
VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

Resolution of the Executive Committee, Vienna, Austria, 10-14 October 1983

“Annuity Payment Organizations”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Vienna, Austria, 10-14 October 1983, passed the following Resolution:

Taking into account

1. that experience of systems of direct payment of renewal fees other than through or in connection with the Agent of Record has shown that the principle of using the Agent of Record, stressed in the FICPI resolution at Rio de Janeiro in 1980, is to be preferred as giving increased safety to the Patentee in the maintenance of his rights
2. that taking into consideration the principle of the Agent of Record, the idea of a set of National Organizations including FICPI members has been developed, open for use by all Industrial Property Attorneys (IPAs) in the country in question, each being directed by IPAs, each carrying out at a national level orders received and accumulated for paying renewal fees and each sending such accumulated orders to parallel similar organizations in other countries (called for simplicity a Professional Central Payment Organization (PCPO))
3. that by organizing a system of renewal fee payments in such a way, existing PCPOs could be incorporated into such a system.

In order to promote the emergence of a set of National PCPOs operating in this way

Resolves that the National Associations and Sections, each recommend their members not already using a PCPO, as soon as possible,

- A. to use such services if a PCPO exists in the country, or
- B. to form a PCPO in their own country, or
- C. to modify an existing organization to enable it to operate as a PCPO in their own country.