

Resolution of the Executive Committee, Munich, Germany, 5-8 September 2010

"PLT Relief and Reinstatement Measures"

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held Munich, Germany, from 5 to 8 September 2010, passed the following Resolution:

Having previously resolved¹ that the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) should serve as a model for those countries that are not yet contracting parties and that all contracting parties should ratify and implement the PLT without delay;

Recognising that the PLT has currently been ratified by only a minority of contracting parties; and

Noting that some of the provisions of the PLT are particularly important to safeguard the rights of applicants, while taking into account the legitimate interests of third parties;

Urges all countries, regardless of whether they intend to ratify the PLT, now to adopt provisions allowing at least for (a) relief in respect of time limits and (b) reinstatement of rights in accordance with articles 11 and 12 and rules 12 and 13 of the PLT respectively.

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¹ EXCO/DE03/RES/003(GB), Berlin, 2003.