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VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

Resolution of the Executive Committee, Florence, Italy from 5 to 8 October 2008

“Madrid Trademark System Improvements”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee held in Florence, Italy from 5 to 8 October 2008, passed the following Resolution:

Considering that it is essential for trademark owners, their representatives, third parties and the public at large to be able to access, on a timely basis, accurate information regarding international trademark applications and registrations;

Believing that improvements could be made to both the content of information currently available and the timeliness in providing such information;

Noting the responsibility for making available information as to international trademark rights is shared between WIPO and national/regional offices;

Noting that full and detailed information about the status of an international registration in a designated contracting party can only be provided by the corresponding trademark office;

Noting that limitations exist in terms of what WIPO and national/regional offices may charge for the handling of International trademark applications;

Resolves that:

- 1.) WIPO and National/Regional offices of contracting parties should provide easily accessible and accurate information regarding the particulars and status of International Applications and Registrations and should do so on a timely basis; and
- 2.) national and regional offices should provide to WIPO, on a timely basis, clear information about the essential elements of prosecution, including, inter alia, grant of protection, provisional refusal, opposition and refusal.