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EN PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS
INTERNATIONALE FÖDERATION
VON PATENTANWÄLTEN

Resolution of the Executive Committee, Edinburgh, United Kingdom 5-9 October 1981

“Computer Software”

FICPI, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee and World Congress held in Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 5-9 October 1981, passed the following resolution:

Taking into account

- The increasing importance, legally and economically, of computer software as a significant sector of industrial property;
- The uncertainty, nationally and internationally, as to the scope of protection of computer software, whether by patent, copyright or otherwise; and
- The different approaches taken by various countries in regard to the question and scope of such protection;

FICPI expresses its following opinion:

- A) That there exists a strong need for harmonized national laws for improved protection of computer software;
- B) That one approach to harmonization of national laws is by regulation through international treaty;
- C) That the model law drafted by WIPO is an important step towards such harmonized legislation; and
- D) That preference also be given to the question of depositing or registering the computer software or its identifying characteristics.