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**Consistent Application of IP laws and practices**

**FICPI**, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee in Washington D.C. in June 2009, passed the following Resolution:

**Whereas** strong intellectual property (IP) laws, especially patent laws, are a vital stimulus to economic development,

**Stressing** that both active and passive users of IP systems require legal certainty,

**Urges** intellectual property offices having more than one branch to take whatever action is within their power to ensure consistent application of IP laws and related practices throughout the territory or territories where those laws apply.