



# FICPI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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## COUNTRY REPORTS FROM EXCO DELEGATES

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Purpose :	<b>For information</b>	Tabled To :	<b>All Attendees</b>

### SECTION A: ACTIVITIES OF FICPI ASSOCIATION/SECTION

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### SECTION B: CHANGES IN LAW

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#### B1. LEGISLATION

*Please give details of any adopted changes to the IP legislation in your country as well as any changes entering into force.*

None

#### B2. MAJOR CASES

*Please give brief details of any new case law of general interest.*

We have two highly significant decisions to report.

1. House of Lords Opinion on Novelty and Sufficiency. Patent upheld as valid (Generics v. Lundbeck). This important decision appears to confirm the distinction from Biogen on sufficiency and indicates that once one way of making a product is found and disclosed the product itself is protectable.

2. Patents Court, employee Compensation. For the first time the Court has made a substantial award to inventors in respect of an outstanding invention (Kelly v. GE Healthcare).

#### B3. OFFICIAL PRACTICE

*Please describe any changes in official practice of general interest.*

None

#### B4. PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES

*Please mention here any proposed changes in law or practice, enquiries/consultations, and name any working parties or committees involved.*

None

### SECTION C: OTHER INFORMATION OF GENERAL INTEREST

*Please mention here any other information pertaining to your country or region that would be of interest to FICPI members and others browsing FICPI's website.*

None

End of report