



**RESOLUTION**

**EXCO/IT08/RES/3**

**"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 from October 5 to 8, 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.