



## **RESOLUTION 1**

### **DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT SYSTEM**

**FICPI**, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession of more than 70 countries, assembled at its World Congress held in Berlin, Germany from June 2 to June 6, 2003, passed the following Resolution :

**Recognising** the basic right of all countries to pursue development of sectors of vital importance to their socio-economic, scientific and technological welfare

**Believing** that appropriate systems of protection for intellectual property contribute to such development

**Being** supportive of the continued development of the international patent system in a manner that maintains the credibility and relevance of such systems, and

**Recognising** that, whilst the TRIPS Agreement provides minimum standards *inter alia* for patents, alternative mechanisms for protecting inventions do exist that cater to the different, particular needs of countries and regions, including unexamined patents, revalidation patents and patents of importation

**FICPI resolves that:**

- (i) The development of the international patent system should continue in a manner that provides flexibility to and meets the needs of users by providing patent protection through national, regional and international routes
- (ii) Such development should balance the rights and interests of both active and passive users of the system, and should operate to the benefit of the public in all nations
- (iii) Any nation should be free to adopt additional forms of protection which do not conflict with the TRIPS Agreement, that it deems most appropriate in the public interest in sectors of vital importance to its socio-economics, scientific and technological development.