



RESOLUTION 3

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATENT LAW TREATY (PLT)

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 :

Considering that FICPI has played an active role in the WIPO process of developing the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) for many years;

Noting that the progress towards the PLT being broadly implemented is very slow;

Stressing that the harmonizing effect of the PLT will facilitate the efforts of applicants to file and prosecute patent applications;

Considering that Patent Offices will be able to take advantage of the PLT not only because of the simplification of certain procedures, but in particular by exchanging experiences between Offices;

Noting that FICPI has consistently opposed mandatory exceptions in the provisions concerning representation; and

Stressing that the PLT will serve as a model even for those countries which are not yet contracting parties;

FICPI resolves that all contracting parties, and more particularly the members of the so-called tri-lateral offices, should increase their efforts to achieve implementation of the PLT on a global basis, by ratifying the PLT and implementing it in their legislation.