



**EXCO/AR10/RES/ACTA Negotiations**

**FICPI**, the International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys, broadly representative of the free profession throughout the world, assembled at its Executive Committee Meeting held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from January 10 to 14, 2010, passed the following Resolution based on principles agreed by the Federation at its World Congress in Washington DC, USA from June 6 to 9, 2009:

**Noting** that cooperation between countries for combating counterfeiting of goods, works or services covered by intellectual property rights is nowadays a strong necessity,

**Observing** that intellectual property is a complex matter that requires extremely careful attention when creating laws and providing new enforcement mechanisms,

**Further noting** that the users of the intellectual property system, including their qualified professional representatives, have extensive experience-in all aspects of IP enforcement,

**Considering** that today's law-making processes commonly involve prior public consultation of stakeholders, who all can contribute to the practicality and effectiveness of the laws, whether at national or international level,

**Recommends** that the current plurilateral negotiations on an Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) should involve public consultation of the stakeholders of the intellectual property system, including qualified intellectual property professionals.