



EXCO/AR10/RES/Searches in National/Regional Phases of PCT Applications

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:

Acknowledging the basic concept of a comprehensive prior art search to be performed by any PCT International Searching Authority, so as to form the basis of examination during the international and national/regional phases;

Generally supporting the measures outlined in the PCT Roadmap proposal, for facilitating an improved coordination between PCT Authorities and national and regional patent offices;

While maintaining the present legal framework of the PCT system, in particular as regards the national and regional entry at 30/31 months from the priority date; and

Aiming at finding appropriate solutions for reducing the workload of national/regional Offices following entry into the national/regional phases,

Urges national and regional designated/elected Offices of the PCT Contracting Parties:

To conduct only searches which are truly supplementary to the search or searches performed during the international phase by avoiding duplication of any official search work already performed; and

To make the search and examination results easily available to the public on the Internet, and in a standardized manner to facilitate effective coordination with other Offices handling parallel applications for the same invention.