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FEMIFI RESOLUTION

FEMIFI, the European Federation of Agents of Industry in Industrial Property,

in consideration of the need for a cost-effective and predictable jurisdiction for
European patents,
in consideration of the long and exhaustive discussions within the interested
circles,
and in consideration of the diversity of the present jurisdictional systems in the
EPC Contracting States

**urges the Contracting States to the EPC to provide for an
efficient litigation system for European patents by establishing a
centralised European Patent Court of first and second instance –
including a limited number of regional chambers for the first
instance – with panels comprising both legally and technically
qualified judges, where the Professional Representative
(member of the epi) is admitted for presenting the legal and
technical arguments and where the language regime is modelled
according to the provisions laid down in the EPC.**

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Basel, Friday 29 November 2002.