

## Innovation for All

Commission on Intellectual Property

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### WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (WIPO SCP/32)

ICC Written Submission

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ICC appreciates WIPO's organization of this meeting of the Standing Committee on the Law of Patents in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, and highlights the particular importance that the discussions taking place in this standing committee have gained in a context of acceleration of the digital transformation of the global economy and its impact on patent issues, in addition to the central role that innovation is taking in the Covid-19 response and recovery.

#### **Statement submitted by ICC**

##### **Agenda Item No. 8**

##### **Confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent advisors**

ICC reiterates its position, as stated at earlier SCP meetings, that confidentiality between clients and their patent advisors is a very important cross-border issue in the field of patents. This is clearly laid out in the AIPPI and FICPI presentations at SCP/31.

ICC wishes to stress the importance of further work on the topic in this Committee.

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