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### **Inventors' Anti-Crisis Declaration – prepared by IFIA Executive Committee**

The opposite of crisis is prosperity.

One of the most important prosperity makers is innovation.

Innovation is based on new inventions.

New inventions are created by the inventors of the present.

The most efficient anti-crisis activity is international and governmental financial support.

Financial support for the banking sector is not a long term anti-crisis measure. Financial support for a few companies is not a long term anti-crisis solution either.

The best long term anti-crisis method is international and governmental financial assistance of innovation.

Sponsoring innovation directly by itself is unsuitable, since it is a top-secret activity of a company in general. But inventions, that innovation is based upon, are public. The inventors who created them are well-known persons, thanks to the databases of patent authorities and activities in marketing inventions. Therefore the proposed subject of international and governmental financial assistances for innovation is required.

Invention is a broad creative activity from the detection of a problem to be solved, through to patenting and realization. Knowledge, experience and practice are the helping factors to the invention. The direction of invention sponsoring is needed to be determined, so that a prompt and efficient influence can be exerted against the crisis.

International patent protection for inventions is a key requirement in our age, the age of globalization. The cost of international patent protection is too high for the “smalls”, for independent inventors, universities, small and medium size enterprises. Therefore, the majority of their inventions are excluded from innovation. Even though the majority of epoch-defining solutions were invented by these “smalls” in previous, currently, innovation practically means the innovation of global companies. This leads to the impoverishment and limitation of innovation, and then to the devaluation of the real economy.

The cost of marketing inventions fits best with “deep pockets”. Independent inventors, universities, small and medium size enterprises can not pay the high costs of the inventions' presentation and publicity. For them it is increasingly more difficultly to find innovation partners. This situation leads to the limitation of innovation.

The International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA) strongly believes that creating equal chances for independent inventors, universities, small and medium size enterprises with respect to innovation is the best anti-crisis tool.

**Consequently the foundation of Governmental financial support to international patenting and invention marketing is recommended warmly by the International Federation of Inventors' Associations (IFIA).**

We call on states, and regional and international authorities to adopt these strong and effective measures, and IFIA-supported initiatives for independent inventors to eliminate roadblocks to innovation. The inventions are the key to overcome the world financial crisis, and they will bring prosperity.

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