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1. In view of the approaching end of the current IPC revision period, the IPC Revision Working Group approved at its ninth session, in June 2003, a time schedule for different actions, relating to the preparation of the eighth edition of the IPC (IPC-2005) and associated publications thereof.
2. In respect of actions scheduled for the period between the ninth and the tenth sessions of the Working Group (June to November 2003), the International Bureau submitted, to the rapporteurs of revision projects, a compilation of the amendments to the seventh edition of the IPC adopted by the IPC Committee of Experts at its thirtieth to thirty-third sessions, together with the reverse reference list. On the basis of this material, the rapporteurs were invited to submit changes to references in the IPC and to subclass indexes.
3. In order to collect the above-mentioned proposed changes by the rapporteurs, the Secretariat has created on the IPC e-forum the projects WG 094 and WG 095, for the checking of references and of subclass indexes, respectively. A compiled document, based on the rapporteur's submissions, will be presented at the tenth session of the Working Group for consideration.

4. The IPC Committee of Experts adopted, at its thirty-third session in October 2003, the distribution of the groups introduced in the seventh edition of the IPC between the core and advanced levels. Concerning the new groups introduced during the current revision period, the Committee of Experts decided, as a principle, to include in the core level only new main groups and one dot groups. Nevertheless, the rapporteurs on revision projects were invited to check the applicability of this rule in their projects and to propose changes, if necessary. Project WG 096 was created on the IPC e-forum to collect any such changes proposed by the rapporteurs. A compilation of the proposed changes will be presented to the Working Group for consideration at its tenth session.

5. The Working Group is invited, upon consideration of this document, to approve the necessary changes to references and subclass indexes in the IPC, and to approve the distribution of new groups between the core and advanced levels.

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