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IPC REFORM STATUS REPORT

prepared by the Secretariat

1. The Assembly of the International Patent Classification (IPC) Union at its seventeenth (12th ordinary) session, held in September 1999, approved the recommendation made by the Committee of Experts of the IPC Union to launch IPC reform in order to accommodate the Classification to the use in the electronic environment (document IPC/A/17/1 and paragraph 12 of document IPC/A/17/2). The Assembly considered the IPC reform progress reports and took note of them at its nineteenth (13th ordinary) session, held in September – October 2001, twenty-first (14th ordinary) session, held in September – October 2003, twenty-second (8th extraordinary) session, held in September – October 2004, and twenty-third (15th ordinary) session, held in September – October 2005 (documents IPC/A/19/1, IPC/A/19/2, IPC/A/21/1, IPC/A/21/2, IPC/A/22/1, IPC/A/22/3, IPC/A/23/1 and IPC/A/23/3).

2. The Annex to this document contains the IPC reform status report as of June 2006, prepared by the International Bureau.

3. The Assembly of the IPC Union is invited to take note of the IPC reform status report.

[Annex follows]