

ANNEX III

LONG-TERM GOALS FOR THE IPC

1. The IPC should be applied consistently worldwide to all patent and technical documents.
2. The latest version of the IPC should be applied in all cases.
3. The IPC should be easy to use.
4. The IPC should have two levels for use, on the one hand, by large searching offices with high workload, and, on the other hand, by smaller offices and the public.
5. The IPC should be recast for optimized use in the electronic age.
6. It should be possible to use a search strategy from the latest edition of the IPC to search all patent documents and allied technical literature.

[Annex IV follows]