

ANNEX III

IPC REFORM PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2001

adopted by the IPC Committee of Experts

AD HOC IPC REFORM WORKING GROUP

- Task No. 2 Consider the IPC revision policy, the revision procedure and the criteria for
[Task No. 9] accepting new revision proposals in relation to the core and advanced levels
 of the reformed IPC
- Task No. 3 Consider the introduction of electronic data illustrating the contents of
 IPC entries
- Task No. 4 Consider the elaboration of rules for multiple classification in the IPC and
 investigate possible bearing of such rules on general principles of classifying
 disclosed in the Guide to the IPC
- Task No. 5 Review the hybrid systems in the IPC
- Task No. 7 Determine the most appropriate duration of revision cycles
- Task No. 8 Elaborate principles of the creation, maintenance and functioning of the
 Master Classification Database
- [Task No. 9 See Task No. 2]
- Task No. 14 Determine the most appropriate contents of the core level of the reformed IPC
- Task No. 15 Study the feasibility of introducing a simplified set of rules in the IPC, in
 particular a uniform precedence rule
- Task No. 16 Study ways and means for the establishment of the French version of the
 advanced level of the IPC
- Task No. 17 Revise the Guide to the IPC to provide for a more comprehensive explanation
 of the principles and rules of the IPC and to take into account the results of
 IPC reform
- Task No. 18 Prepare an IPC reform implementation plan

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- Task No. 10 Develop a general question and answer pamphlet on the application of the IPC
- Task No. 12 Study automated classification and indexing tools and conduct pilot projects on their use, in particular for the reclassification of backlog patent files
- Task No. 13 Improve IPC training by providing modern training techniques, for example, computer-based and Internet training tools, involving, in particular, enhanced support for developing countries in the use of the IPC

[Annex IV follows]