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The Annex to this document contains comments concerning the revision procedure in relation to the advanced level of the IPC, submitted by the European Patent Office (EPO) on behalf of the Trilateral Offices.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX/ANNEXE



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des brevets**

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**SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE ADVANCED LEVEL**

***TRILATERAL POSITION***

The Trilateral Offices agree with the creation of a subcommittee for supervision of the advanced level activities.

In view of the impact of the decisions by this subcommittee on the offices which have to carry out the reclassification work for the advanced level it is highly advisable that the subcommittee should be composed of those offices which carry out a substantial part of the reclassification work, namely at least 20% of the total reclassification work.

The percentage is determined in the following way:

Every office allotting advanced level IPC symbols to their published documents, which commits itself to reclassify its own collection or a certain group of publication countries as part of the PCT minimum documentation is candidate for the membership of the subcommittee.

The percentage of these documents with respect to the total PCT minimum documentation is then calculated. If this figure is at least 20%, that office can become a member of the subcommittee. In this way, the maximum number of members is five, but can be lower in practice and should not become less than three.

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