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**AD HOC IPC REFORM WORKING GROUP**

**Second Session  
Geneva, November 15 to 22, 1999**

DRAFT AGENDA

*prepared by the Director General*

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda  
See the present document.
3. Report on the seventeenth session of the Assembly of the Special Union for the International Patent Classification  
See document IPC/A/17/2.
4. Report on the third Plenary session of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT)  
See document SCIT/3/4.
5. Elaboration of a strategic plan for the development of the IPC  
See project file IPC/R 1/99 Rev.1.

6. Introduction of electronic data illustrating the contents of IPC entries  
See project file IPC/R 3/99 Rev.1.
7. Elaboration of rules for multiple classification in the IPC  
See project file IPC/R 4/99 Rev.1.
8. Review of the hybrid systems in the IPC  
See project file IPC/R 5/99 Rev.1.
9. Study of factors influencing an insufficient level of the consistency in the application of the IPC and elaboration of measures for increasing the consistency
10. Study of the possibility of cooperation between offices in the reclassification of backlog patent files  
See project file IPC/R 8/99 Rev.1.
11. Next session of the Working Group
12. Adoption of the report of the session
13. Closing of the session

*The opening meeting will start on Monday, November 15, 1999, at 10 a.m., at the International Conference Center of Geneva (CICG), 15, rue de Varembé (Conference Room IV) (within walking distance from the headquarters of WIPO). From Tuesday, November 16, to Monday, November 22, 1999, the meeting will take place at the headquarters of WIPO, 34, chemin des Colombettes, Geneva (Conference Room B).*

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