

## German Patent and Trade Mark Office

### II. Document SCP/14/3

For item 27 of document SCP/14/3 we suggest the following amendments regarding the German Patent and Trademark Office:

27. The main classifications used are the International Patent Classification (IPC) which is used by many patent offices, the European Patent Office Classification System (ECLA), the U.S. Patent Classification System (USPC), the Japanese Patent Office classifications (FI and F-terms), and German Patent and Trademark Office (DEKLA classification). The DEKLA classification of the German Patent and Trademark Offices does not constitute an independent classification system in the actual sense, but merely an internal refined classification of the respective currently valid IPC. The valid IPC is exclusively being used to classify the applications filed with the DPMA as well as the patent publications, because the IPC is the basis of the internal allocation of duties.

Apart from the classifications developed by Patent Offices mention should be made of the Derwent World Patent Index (DWPI) classification, which is the only classification/indexing system developed by a commercial company.