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**MATTERS RELATING TO THE PUBLICATION OF
THE SEVENTH EDITION OF THE IPC**

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1. In the following paragraphs, an outline of the preparatory work for the publication of the seventh edition of the IPC is proposed for the consideration by the Committee of Experts.
2. The International Bureau of WIPO intends to publish, on paper and on the Internet, the seventh edition of the IPC, the official catchword indexes to the seventh edition and the corresponding Revision Concordance List in June 1999. At the same time, a first version of the IPC:CLASS CD-ROM relating to the seventh edition will be published. The CD-ROM will contain, in addition to its present contents, the seventh edition of the IPC in English and French.

3. The selection of new catchwords and catchword phrases for inclusion in the official catchword indexes was carried out by the PCIPI Working Group on Search Information on the basis of completed projects during the revision period. A final updating of the indexes will be necessary in order to introduce corrections due to deleted and amended groups in the IPC. The updating will be based on a compilation of the amendments to the IPC adopted at the twenty-third to twenty-seventh sessions of the Committee of Experts, which will be submitted by the International Bureau, by January 1, 1999, together with the reverse lists of the catchword indexes and a list containing new catchwords and catchword phrases approved by the Working Group, to offices that would volunteer to participate in the updating of the catchword indexes. The offices concerned will be invited to submit proposals to the International Bureau by April 1, 1999.

4. For the preparation of the revision concordance data between the sixth and seventh editions of the IPC, the International Bureau will submit, by January 1, 1999, to the Rapporteurs for the projects concerned, the compilation referred to in the preceding paragraph, together with a list of groups in the IPC that have been deleted, with transfer information indicated for those groups. The Rapporteurs will be invited to submit revision concordance data to the International Bureau by April 1, 1999.

5. The Committee of Experts is invited to consider the above-mentioned proposed actions.

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