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1. Opening of the session
2. Election of a Chair and two Vice-Chairs
3. Adoption of the agenda   
   See present document.
4. Report on the progress of the IPC revision program  
   See project [CE 462](https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ief/private/ipc/en/project/4528/CE462).
5. Report on the progress of the CPC and FI revision programs  
   Reports by the EPO and the USPTO on the CPC and by the JPO on the FI.
6. Consideration of the need to create a new class covering semiconductor technology   
    See project [CE 481](https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ief/private/ipc/en/project/4867/CE481).
7. Amendments to the Guide to the IPC and other basic IPC documents  
   See projects [CE 454](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4471/CE454) and [CE 455](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4474/CE455).
8. Removal of non-limiting references (NLRs) from the scheme of the IPC   
   See project [WG 191](https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ief/private/ipc/en/project/3700/WG191).
9. Handover of the Working Lists management from the EPO to WIPO  
   See projects [CE 472](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4702/CE472) and [CE 492](https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ief/private/ipc/en/project/6989/CE492).
10. Experience from offices on computer‑assisted (e.g., AI-based) classification   
     Presentations by offices.
11. Survey on the IPC-related IT tools  
    See project [CE 509](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/7330/CE509).
12. Report on IPC-related IT systems  
    Presentation by the International Bureau. See projects [CE 446](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4333/CE446), [CE 447](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4489/CE447) and [CE 457](https://www3.wipo.int/ipc-ief/public/ipc/en/project/4519/CE457).
13. Closing of the Session

*The opening meeting will start on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 10 a.m., at the Headquarters of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes, Geneva.*