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REVISION OF THE GUIDE TO THE IPC

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1. Task No. 10 of the IPC Development Program (2006–2008) for the IPC Revision Working Group refers to the “updating of the *Guide* and IPC-related documents”.
2. The Annex to this document is a compilation of the paragraphs of the *Guide* that need updating. The reasons for this updating are the following:
 - (a) entering into force of the new edition of the core level of the IPC;
 - (b) discontinuation of the paper version of the IPC and of the *IPC:CLASS* CD-ROM;
 - (c) normalization of all version indicators to the new format introduced after the reform;
 - (d) replacement of the term “effective scope” by the term “scope” in section VII to avoid confusion since these terms are equivalent;
 - (e) introduction of the term “file scope” in order to clarify the introduction of an additional version indicator when a group is subdivided;

- (f) various more or less obvious corrections based on the further implementation of the IPC reform, e.g., removal of references from guidance headings;
- (g) some clarifications concerning the presentation of symbols on patent documents;
- (h) correction of some information concerning the MCD; and
- (i) removal of some terms from the glossary and in particular of some specific technical terms to be introduced into the classification definitions of the relevant places.

3. The IPC Revision Working Group is invited to examine the amendments to the Guide to the IPC proposed in the Annex to this document and approve amendments to be forwarded to the fortieth session of the IPC Committee of Experts for final adoption.

[Annex follows]