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ADDITIONS TO THE VIENNA CLASSIFICATION;
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**ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE VIENNA
CLASSIFICATION**

1. It is proposed that amendments and additions to the Classification, as decided by the Committee of Experts, should enter into force on January 1, 2008. In view of Article 6(1) of the Vienna Agreement, this means that notification of the decisions of the Committee of Experts should be sent by the International Bureau on July 1, 2007. In the meantime, the International Bureau will prepare and publish the new (sixth) edition of the Classification in English and French.

LENGTH OF THE NEXT REVISION PERIOD

2. Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Experts headed “Adoption of Amendments to the Classification” reads as follows: “Except in special cases, amendments to the Classification shall be adopted at the end of the specified periods; the length of each period shall be determined by the Committee of Experts.”

3. It is proposed that the forthcoming revision period should last for five years in the same way as the preceding four.

NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

4. It is proposed that the next session of the Committee of Experts be held in Geneva in the second half of 2011.

5. The Committee of Experts is invited to pronounce on the proposals contained in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of this document.

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