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ADDITIONS TO THE LOCARNO CLASSIFICATION;  
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**ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE LOCARNO  
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, 2004. In view of Article 4(1) of the Locarno Agreement, this means that notification of the decisions of the Committee of Experts should be sent by the International Bureau at the latest on July 1, 2003. In the meantime, the International Bureau will prepare and publish the new (eighth) edition of the Classification in English and French.

## LENGTH OF THE NEXT REVISION PERIOD

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

## MODIFICATION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

3. Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Experts, under the heading “Publication of the Report,” reads as follows: “The report on the work of each session, or a summary drawn up by the International Bureau, shall be published in the reviews ‘*La Propriété industrielle*’ and ‘*Industrial Property*’.”

4. In view of the fact that these reviews were replaced by a new publication entitled “*WIPO Magazine*” in June 1998, it is proposed that in the final part of Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure the following wording: “in the reviews ‘*La Propriété industrielle*’ and ‘*Industrial Property*’.” be replaced by “in the review *WIPO Magazine* or on the WIPO Web site on the Internet.”

5. *The Committee of Experts is invited to pronounce on the proposals contained in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of this document.*

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