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Dear Sir/Madam

The Applicant, who received the International Search Report relating to the above identified International Application transmitted on 24. 01. 2017, hereby files amendment under Article 19 (1) as in the attached sheets.

We hereby would like to amend the claims 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and also cancel the claim 2. The claim 7 is retained unchanged.

Support for the features of amended Claim 1, i.e., for 「前記平板は、前記副走査方向の断面内において、前記平板の端部と前記画像形成部の端部を対角に結ぶ2本の仮想線のうち、前記平板の垂線と形成する角度が小さい方の仮想線と、前記平板の垂線が形成する角度が大きくなる方向に傾いている」 is based on the description on paragraph [0078] and the claim 2.

The Applicants also file as attached herewith a brief statement explaining the amendment and indicating any impact the amendment might have on the description or the drawings.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments:

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| (1) Amendment under Article 19(1) | 2 sheets |
| (2) Brief Statement               | 1 sheet  |