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Mr. Ulrich Hartmann, Convener, JTC 1 SGF

As part of their continuing review of JTC 1 and the ICT standardization environment, the ISO Council and the IEC Council Board (CB) passed similar resolutions at their meetings held the end of April 2002. These resolutions are distributed as JTC 1 N 67682 and JTC 1 N 67683 and ask JTC 1 to:

- to review its current programme of work and confirm the market relevance of its standards and projects;
- to review its Business Plan, focusing on strategic initiatives and areas for future development;
- to demonstrate commitment and support on the part of the ICT industry regarding the current and future direction of JTC 1;
- to respond to the paper developed by the ISO and IEC Secretaries General entitled "Reflections and Recommendations on the Future of ISO/IEC JTC 1" (distributed as JTC 1 N 6728);
- to complete this activity and report the results following the JTC 1 Plenary meeting in October 2002, but no later than the end of 2002;

Since the JTC 1 Special Group on JTC 1's Future (SGF) is currently developing the Long Range Business Plan for JTC 1 (which I believe will largely respond to the second item of the Councils' request), I request the SGF to address the entire Council and CB resolutions and I ask Mr. Hartman to add this item to the agenda for the June meeting in New York City.

Contributions on this item from JTC 1 National Bodies and SCs should be submitted as soon as possible for consideration by the SGF at their June meeting.

JTC 1 Subcommittees should anticipate some direction based on SGF discussion following the June meeting regarding the review and assessment of their programs of work. SCs should begin planning aimed at following this direction and providing a response to JTC 1 in advance of the October JTC 1 Plenary meeting.

I recognize we are all being asked to do significant work in a short time to respond to the Councils' resolutions (unfortunately we have only just recently received the official resolutions from ISO and IEC), and I thank you in advance for your efforts in contributing to a clear and compelling reply from JTC 1 to the ISO Council and IEC Council Board.

Best regards,
Scott Jameson
Chairman, ISO/IEC JTC 1

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ISO Council Resolution 5/2002

Dear Mr Jameson,

As you know, the difficulties being experienced by ISO/IEC JTC 1 in attracting new work, given the tendency of the ICT industry increasingly to turn to consortia and fora to meet their standardization needs, was again on the agendas of both the ISO Council and the IEC Council Board at their meetings at the end of April and I am pleased to enclose the decision of the ISO Council (Council Resolution 5/2002). I understand that the decision of the IEC Council Board is essentially identical, but this will be confirmed to you by the IEC Central Office.

As you will see, the Council decision essentially puts the onus on JTC 1 itself to develop further input for review by the Council and it is requested that JTC 1 develop this input by the end of 2002 so that it can be reviewed at the first Council meeting in 2003.

You will also see that Council has designated Mark Hurwitz to work with JTC 1 as it carries out the required actions, so please do not hesitate to contact Mark or myself if you need any clarifications or assistance.

We shall look forward to receiving the results of JTC 1's deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Favre', written in a cursive style.

Christian J. Favre
Acting Secretary-General

Enclosure

cc. Mrs. L. Rajchel, Secretary of ISO/IEC JTC 1



Council Resolution 5/2002

Council,

recognizing the importance of and the continuing need for international Information Technology standardization,

commends ISO/IEC JTC 1 for the important work it has accomplished over the years and reaffirms its commitment to maximizing JTC 1's contribution to international standardization;

in order to help ensure the continued effectiveness of JTC 1, asks JTC 1, subject to the same request being made on the IEC side:

- to review its current programme of work and confirm the market relevance of its standards and projects;
- to review its Business Plan, focusing on strategic initiatives and areas for future development;
- to demonstrate commitment and support on the part of the ICT industry regarding the current and future direction of JTC 1;
- to respond to the paper developed by the ISO and IEC Secretaries General entitled "Reflections and Recommendations on the Future of ISO/IEC JTC 1";
- to complete this activity and report the results following the JTC 1 Plenary meeting in October 2002, but no later than the end of 2002;

in recognition of the fact that additional information is needed before meaningful decisions can be made, defers any decision until the report is received at the end of 2002, noting that IEC has taken the same decision,

asks Mark Hurwitz to work with JTC 1 and monitor its efforts to ensure progress and completion of the required actions by the end of 2002.

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Subject: CB decision regarding JTC 1

Dear JTC 1 Chairman and Secretary,

We should like to inform you that at the IEC Council Board (CB) meeting held on 25 April, the CB discussed the joint ANSI/USNC recommendation submitted to the IEC/CB and ISO/Council and reached the following conclusion:

"While adhering to its original decision CB/2001/028, (similar to ISO/Council resolution 33/2001) the CB agreed that additional information from JTC 1 should be awaited before implementing the decision. This input should be received before the October 2002 CB meeting in order not to delay further the actions decided by the IEC Council Board and ISO Council". (CB decision 2002/008).

"Input" refers to the information requested in the ANSI/USNC recommendation. Please note that the CB requested this information by October 2002.

Yours sincerely,

Therese Perret
IEC/CB Secretariat