Title: Liaison statement to SC22/WG15 on POSIX Profiles
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SGFS, having seen the SC22/WG15 resolution 93-257 on Profiles to be developed by WG15, welcomes the input and supports the general course of action as proposed in the resolution. SGFS is pleased to see that SC22/WG15 plans to progress this activity in harmony with the rules and procedures of the SGFS in this area and draws the attention of SC22/WG15 to the following points:

-       SGFS has developed additional material which is of relevance to SC22/WG15 in this area and attaches such documents to this liaison statement: SD-1, SD-3, SD-4

-       SGFS reminds SC22/WG15 that the availability of a taxonomy of profiles is an important precondition for the approval of ISPs in any area, and that such a taxonomy does not yet exist for the subject area;

-       Harmonization is an important element in the ISP approval process. The SGFS observes that consensus at Member Body level in SC22 reflects an important level of harmonization. During the ISP processing in SGFS the harmonization is checked during the review process. Therefore SC22/WG15 is encouraged to perform harmonization with the SGFS S-Liaison organizations prior to SGFS PDISP submission.

-       It is not clear what the scope of a POSIX Profile is; the POSIX Guide to the Open System Environment (P1003.0, SGFS/N1030) describes Profiles that include standards other than POSIX standards (like Database and Windowing standards).
        Furthermore SGFS is interested to understand how the POSIX specification handles references to Publicly Available Specifications (PASs), specifically with respect to the normative or informative nature of such references.

Attached: SD-1, SD-3 and SD-4