Ecma International Technical Committee 45 (TC45)
External Liaison Report

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1. At its General Assembly held on December 7–8, 2006, Ecma approved TC45's draft standard, "Office Open XML File Formats", as Ecma Standard ECMA-376, and authorized its submission to JTC 1 via the Fast Track process.

2. Later in December, Ecma submitted standard ECMA-376 to ISO/IEC JTC/1 for Fast Track. Rex Jaeschke was named as the "editor of record".

3. Soon after, JTC 1 designated this project as DIS 29500, and assigned it to SC 34. The 30-day Review stage of the Fast Track commenced (N8455) in early January 2007.

4. On February 5, the 30-day Review stage of the Fast Track ended, and the comments received (from 20 NBs) were collected and forwarded to Ecma for processing, with a Response Document requested by February 28.

5. At its February 20, meeting, TC45 appointed Rex Jaeschke as its liaison to SC 34.

6. TC45 members worked by email on reviewing and producing responses to all comments submitted, and the committee met five times as a whole to review the draft Response Document as it evolved.

7. Ecma submitted the final draft of the Response Document to JTC 1 on February 28.

8. Soon after, JTC 1 circulated to all NBs the following documents: Ecma's Response Document (N8530, Ecma/TC45/2007/006), the original NB comments, Ecma's original Explanatory Report (N8455), and a cover letter (N8530).

9. Ecma believes that TC45 has addressed adequately all the issues raised, and looks forward to working with SC 34 to resolve issues that may be raised during the 5-month Ballot stage.