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There is an established need in the Regional Workshops to be able to assign a unique identifier to a profile. This is required for the purposes of protocol negotiation exchange and for directory purposes. There is a separate proposal from the Regional Workshops to assign object identifiers to profiles for this purpose. This proposal identifies a method for the assignment within an ISP or ISP part of such an object identifier.

There is currently an open issue on the relationship between profiles and ISP parts. This has arisen from the strong requirement to be able to uniquely identify profiles. There is a point of view that it should be allowed to have more than one profile associated with a taxonomy point. This has resulted in a solution that an ISP or an ISP part should specify at most one profile so that the ISP number or ISP part number provides the unique identifier. This is an artificial constraint on the documentation structure which has caused severe problems to a number of profile defining groups. There is a separate Workshop contribution on this subject.

If the workshop's proposal to assign object identifiers to profiles is accepted then this would also satisfy the requirement to uniquely identify a profile. This alternative solution would remove the need to associate an ISP or an ISP part with a single profile only, since according to the provisions of ISO/IEC 9834-1, object identifiers can be assigned by the ISP to the separate profiles.