Title: **Contribution from ISO/IEC JTC1/SGFS on JTC1 Re-engineering**
(Response to JTC1 N4174, SC Project Reviews)
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The ISO/IEC JTC1 "Special Group on Functional Standardization" was set up in 1987 to coordinate the work within JTC1 on functional standardization and to offer Regional OSI Implementors' Workshops the possibility to standardize OSI-Profiles (ISPs) on a global level. In 1991 the scope of SGFS was enlarged to OSE-Profiles.

Through their membership and organization, the Regional Workshops are in direct contact with implementors, users and user groups. The programme of work on ISPs within SGFS is directly related to the workitems and workprogrammes of these Regional Workshops. Obviously, the market relevance of ISPs in terms of market needs or user requirements is determined by the Regional Workshops.

At the moment, the Regional Workshops are also in the process of reassessing their activities, much like JTC1 is doing in its Re-engineering activities. SGFS itself initiated an Ad Hoc Group on the Evolution of ISO/IEC TR10000 (Framework & Taxonomy of OSI-/OSE-profiles) which will evaluate the future structure and maintenance of TR10000. This activity is clearly based on changes in market developments and industry needs.

Finally, during its plenary meeting in June 1996 SGFS noted that the direct links which the Regional Workshops have with implementors and users, might be made more effecitive within JTC1 (see attached liaison statement SGFS N1362). In areas where the Regional Workshops have developed competence and experience (e.g. GII, working in cross TC mode, working towards reference implementations and testing, organizing user fora) they are offering their experience to JTC1.

ATTACHMENT to SGFS N1380:

SGFS N1362

Source : ISO/IEC JTC1/SGFS Plenary meeting, Tokyo
To : ISO/IEC JTC1
Subject: Response to JTC1 N3996-Relationship with
Regional Workshops on Open Systems
Date : June 1996

The concern, raised in JTC1 N3996, was discussed during the RWS-CC meeting in April 1996 in Oxford; the liaison statement from the RWS-CC meeting to SGFS on this matter (SGFS N1346) is appended to this document.

During the subsequent discussion at the SGFS Plenary meeting it became apparent the RWSs continue to have an interest in co-operation with JTC1, either via SGFS (in the area of functional standardization) or in a more direct fashion on topics where that is appropriate (e.g., through the Authorised PAS submitter status of EWOS).

Through their membership and organisation, the RWSs are in direct contact with users, including many user groups that would not otherwise have access to the standardization process. RWSs are also in a position to understand what PASs should be transposed following the JTC1 process, and could usefully contribute to JTC1 and facilitate this process. In areas where the RWSs have developed competence and experience (e.g., GII, working in cross TC mode, working towards reference implementations and testing, organising user fora) the RWSs are offering their experience to JTC1.

It is however clear that the RWSs are in the process of reassessing their activities, much like JTC1 is doing in its re-engineering activities. In order to avoid misalignment of these processes, the RWSs have offered to give a presentation on their workprograms and plans for the future at the next JTC1 Plenary meeting in December 1996 in Paris.

Finally it was noted by the RWSs that in specific cases it might be more effective (and possibly more appropriate) if they can participate directly (rather than informally or as part of an SGFS delegation) in a number of JTC1 activities (such as the SWG-CA and the SWG-GII). SGFS has encouraged the RWSs to approach JTC1 directly with a view to an appropriate liaisonship.