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**Open Systems Environment Implementors Workshop
(OIW)
Open Systems Environment-Technical Committee
(OSE-TC)**

TO: ISO/IEC JTC1/SGFS
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FROM: OSE-TC

SUBJECT: Liaison Statement - Standardization Process

The OIW OSE-TC has concerns about the current standards development process. These concerns center around the timely development, accessibility, and coordination of standards and standards related information. In the past, this availability has been cumbersome to the point of severely hampering the standards development and implementation process. These concerns were previously discussed with EWOS EG-OSE and they agreed in principle the following actions are necessary.

User Requirement: Action:

1. Make all approved and provisional draft international standardized profiles available in electronic form via network and dial-up access (on-line).

Action: OIW plans to identify editors for inputting relevant OIW documents into electronic form and place them in the NIST server. Initial emphasis will be placed on new documents. Later, we will retrofit existing documents if resources are available.

2. Make all standards referenced in the aforementioned available in electronic form and on-line.

Action: Same as action for user requirement (1).

3. Coordinate the timely development of reference implementations.

Action: Our objective is to have at least two interoperable implementations available, with at least one implementation in the public domain. Implementation coordinators will be identified for each.

4. Make conformance test suites concurrently available with draft standards.

Action: Interoperability test suites must be available at the same time with

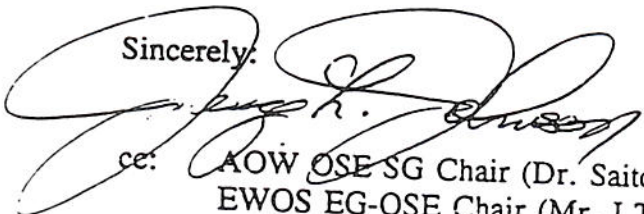
standards. Conformance test suites may also be appropriate in cases where they can be cost effectively developed and applied.

5. Make available electronically an on-line register of all conformance tested products.

Action: OIW will make available an on-line register of conformance tested products in the NIST server.

We encourage your respective national member organizations to consider adoption of this proposed process. We are looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,



cc: AOW OSE SG Chair (Dr. Saito)
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