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The United States notes that via the Special Group on JTC 1's Future and other activities, JTC 1 is actively working to become a more proactive organization. As this happens, the current structure and timing of JTC 1 Plenary meetings should be reviewed and adjusted to meet JTC 1's needs in the future.

Therefore the United States would like to propose several possibilities to be considered by JTC 1 for the future timing, location and structure of JTC 1 Plenaries:

1. JTC 1 should consider revising its meeting schedule. Possibilities include holding the Plenary at a different time of the year, having a Plenary meeting every six months, or alternate full Plenary meetings with meetings of SC Chairs and NB Heads of Delegation.
2. JTC 1 should hold at least some of its meetings, even perhaps every other meeting, in Geneva, to allow broader and fuller contact with ISO and IEC staff and functions.
3. JTC 1 should reinstitute the SC Chair's Forum which was held on the Monday of the week of the Plenary. If attendees other than SC Chairmen are invited, they should be present only for their information.
4. JTC 1 should consider going back to its former practice of inviting two or three SCs to provide in-depth presentations rather than requiring an in-person presentation of its annual report from each SC. JTC 1 might consider inviting PAS Submitters or Consortia with whom JTC 1 maintains liaisons to present on activities, future relationships with JTC 1, activities of mutual interest, and so forth.
5. SC Chairmen's reports at Plenary meetings should be on an exception or action item basis only, with the full report submitted in advance for approval but not gone through in detail. This would allow more time for Plenary action on other items, such as the new working groups being established as a result of the Long Range Business Plan.