

Disposition Report

for resolution of comments received during the balloting of the OASIS Submission of OpenDocument v1.0 to ISO/IEC JTC1

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OASIS (the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards) is pleased to submit the enclosed documents in response to the comments received during the successful International Standard ballot for the OASIS Open Document Format for Office Applications v1.0 (short name "OpenDocument v1.0").

Previously, OASIS submitted OpenDocument v1.0 to ISO/IEC Joint Technical Committee 1, for transposition into an International Standard under the "PAS" procedures defined in JTC 1 N 3583, "The Transposition of Public Available Specifications into International Standards - A Management Guide". JTC1 conducted a ballot which successfully approved the transposition of OpenDocument v1.0 into an International Standard by a vote of 23-0. Members of JTC1 provided a number of helpful comments and suggestions during the balloting process. When such a candidate standard has been approved by a ballot, JTC1 PAS rules permit the incorporation of some types of comment into the finally published version. Because OASIS already had approved and issued the original submission as a final work product of OASIS, our consortium procedures also require that we bring any proposed edits back to the OASIS OpenDocument technical committee for review, public review and approval, which have been completely successfully.

The PAS rules require OASIS, as the specification's submitter, to review all comments, consider their incorporation or other disposition, and provide a final version of the approved standard ready for JTC1 publication, along with a "disposition report" indicating the resolution of those comments. JTC1 has delegated the receipt of that disposition report to JTC1's SC34. This document constitutes our delivery.

Two documents are enclosed (in multiple file formats) along with this report:

1. OASIS Open Document Format for Office Applications v1.0 2nd edition
2. Disposition Log

OASIS and its OpenDocument Technical Committee were pleased to have the benefit of many useful and insightful comments from JTC1 members and the global community represented there. These comments have been reviewed by the OASIS technical committee and its experts, who have approved a disposition response for each comment ("Disposition Log"). The results have been compiled into a "second edition" version of the approved specification ("OASIS Open Document Format for Office Applications v1.0 2nd edition").

As noted in our original Explanatory Report, we wish both to have the benefit of (a) those suggestions that immediately can be implemented without breaking compatibility for implementations of the specification approved by the ballot, and (b) those suggestions which may require additional or different functionality, to be added to the next version of the OpenDocument format. A third class of comment are those where a responsive explanation of the original specification may suffice. The enclosed Disposition Log notes each of these conclusions, and their effects on the "second edition" text for final publication. We are grateful for the many suggestions, which have assisted our experts in producing an improved final publication version 1.0.

The OASIS technical committee continues to work on additional features and functionality for the OpenDocument specification. Distinct from the editorial and disposition work described here, for version 1.0, the committee also is working to produce:

1. An interim version 1.1 with some augmentation of recently-suggested additional features, and
2. A later major revision with significant additional extensions and improvements.

As noted in our original Explanatory Report, it is our hope to be able to continue our collaborative work with JTC1, and bring a suitably stable major version back to JTC1 for re-transposition. We welcome the comments, feedback and participation of the members and stakeholders of JTC1 in the interim, during the further development of this work, through the transparent and accessible OASIS process. OASIS posts all interim work of its committee as publicly-accessible resources, and permits public as well as member review and comment throughout its lifecycle. We will keep JTC1 and SC34 advised of our progress through our liaisons as well.

We confirm that the enclosed approved "second edition" of the v1.0 specification is subject to the same Proposed Terms of Transposition and Maintenance stated in our original Explanatory Report. Those terms include the grant by OASIS to JTC1 of the rights necessary to publish the work as its own standard.

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