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Dear Mr. Côté: Devisor as nasmos os sanogas a 110M/CCOS

Subject: Response to comments received on DP9899-C (SC22 N463)

The comments sent by SC22 member bodies with the voting on DP9899 fall into two categories.

The first category is technical and relates to the contents of the C standard. All issues in this category were already presented by WG14 to X3J11 as issues that had to be addressed before the result of ANSI C standardization could become an ISO standard. Most of our issues were resolved by X3J11. As of today, only two issues remain which, in the opinion of several members of WG14, prevent the current ANSI draft standard from becoming an ISO DIS. These two issues are 1) an alternate, more readable notation to accommodate countries with national variants of ISO 646 (a substantive change), and 2) soundness of the definition of the X3J11 draft, especially in the area of preprocessing (editorial changes). Apart from these two issues, we feel that X3J11 has produced a very good draft C standard, which deserves to be approved without any further substantive changes.

The comments in the second category relate to the wish of several members of SC22 to have identical ISO and ANSI C standards. Our understanding was that after DP9899 was approved, WG14 was allowed to take the modifications made by ANSI X3J11 to the C draft and submit the thus modified draft to ISO for registration as a DIS. Since this procedure did not work out the way we intended it to, we will not submit any more C drafts to ISO until X3J11 produces its final draft and hands that to X3 for approval.

At that time, WG14 can decide, depending on the changes made by X3J11, whether the technical issues mentioned above warrant modification of the ANSI C standard before we can put it forward for registration as a Draft ISO Standard.

Sincerely,

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