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U.S. Comments. ubject:

In response to Resolution 24 of the SGFS June 1992 Washington meeting, the U.S. submits the following comments on the SGFS Issues List:

- Issue 7.2 ISPs not exclusively the responsibility of JTC1.
 As noted in the last paragraph of 7.2, text has been produced for the procedures document. For discussion of this issue, the U.S. calls attention to its separate contribution on SGFSN590, Development of the SGFS Procedures to cover other TCs and the Open System Environment.
- Issue 12 Profile qualifiers and orthogonal functions.
 As noted in Issue 12, SGFSN615, Request for comments on profile attributes, has been distributed. For discussion of this issue, the U.S. calls attention to its separate contribution on SGFSN615.
- As noted in Issue 13, SGFSN612, Liaison Statement to ISO/IEC JTC1/SC21 on the use of ISPs as Registration Agents, has been issued. SGFSN612 notes in its last paragraph that "SGFS will seek the advice of its member bodies and liaison organisations regarding the material in SC21 N7163 (SGFS N589)." For discussion of this issue, the U.S. calls attention to its separate contribution on SGFSN612.
- 4 Issue 15 Terminology: choice between AEP and OSE.
 We note that the issue is given a status of OPEN, and agree with this conclusion. However, the SGFS Scope statement, currently under ballot, contains text which describes an implied relationship between these terms. The U.S. has submitted, as part of its ballot response on the Scope, a comment which questions this wording. The resolution of the text in the Scope must be consistent with the agreed solution to Issue 15.
- Issue 18 Subsetting and Options.

 We note that this issue, and the U.S. comments on it, were discussed in the June 1992 SGFS meeting. The intent of our comment was to reiterate that specification of allowable subsets and options is the responsibility of the base standards: profiles are not allowed to invent subsets, nor specify options, where no provision for them has been made in the base standard. We believe this issue should be closed based on the understanding reached in the June meeting.
- Issue 19 Taxonomy. We agree that the status of this issue should be open. Further, the U.S. re-confirms its position as documented in SGFSN591 and restated in Issue 19.
- 7 Issue 21 Conformance testing.
 This issue notes that "The U.S. will study the issue further, and will submit a final position at a later time." The U.S. confirms that it is studying this issue and has scheduled meetings in early 1993 to finalize its position.