

Title: Liaison statement to SC21/SWG-SPI  
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The SGFS thanks the SC21/SWG-SPI for the liaison statement (dated November 11, 1993) on the OSE model in TR 10000-3. The liaison statement was reviewed during the SGFS Authorized Subgroup meeting in Amsterdam (November/December 1993), and has prompted our further investigation of APIs in relation to profiles.

In reaction to the liaison statement, SGFS notes the following:

- The SGFS intends to define (or provide provisions for) profiles which combine APIs and protocols into some higher level of profiles.
- An API does not directly use another API. The functionality offered through an API may use another API, but this need not to lead to a fixed relationship between the APIs.
- Profiling systems in such a way that one functionality invokes another through an API put constraints on the implementation. This is an issue when exchanging components of a profile, but is not relevant for application portability and interoperability.

