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This report gives information supplementary to the Resolutions (N 3296) taken by the ninth SC 2 plenary meeting held in Fukuoka, Japan, 1999-03-16.

1. Participation

Nine national bodies and two liaison organizations are represented. A list of participants is attached.

2. Secretariat Report

Since the last plenary, four NBs, Australia (P), Ethiopia (O), Estonia (O), Hong Kong (O) have joined SC 2. Hong Kong will participate in the IRG activities. Expert's comments in N 3276 points out that there are a number of standards for which SC 2 is responsible but for which no Work Items exist. National Bodies are invited to review the ISO website (<http://www.iso.ch/liste/JTC1SC2.html>) and to make suggestions to the SC 2 Secretariat.

3. Review of JTC 1 Level Activities

The resolutions from the JTC 1 Sendai, Rio Plenary meetings, and the JTC 1 CLAUI Ad hoc were reviewed.

- Japanese National Body Recommendation to JTC 1

N 3273 and N 3278 were prepared by WG 2. An ad hoc group was formed to complete the documents by e-mail discussion (Res M09.02). This group will shorten the documents and consider possibilities of SC 2 process improvement. Output from N 3273 will be used as an attachment to SC 2 Business plan and, N 3278, as a direct response to JTC 1. Related to this subject, Finland and Sweden raised concerns about contribution sources to WG 2 and there was active discussion on that issue.

- Res. 32 of JTC 1 Rio Plenary: National Body/SC Input on Strategic Planning

This Resolution was felt important for future JTC 1 activities. The Chairman was asked to make contact with the JTC 1 Chairman and to provide SC 2 with more detailed information.

- Publication of SC 2 Standards on Web

JTC 1 has proposed ISO and IEC council's the criteria of standards that can be published on the web. According to ITTF, ISO has approved the JTC 1's proposal, however IEC has not. The SC 2 Chairman and Secretariat will take action in consultation with ITTF (Res. M09.03).

4. WG 2 Activities

Mr. Mike Ksar, Convener of WG 2 presented N 3292 including the following items:

- No more subdivision proposals for amendments to 10646-1 are planned. After the next Denmark meeting, ITTF will decide if the (F)PDAMs in progress are published separately or incorporated into the next edition. The agreed process is in N 3294. A draft for the next edition is available as WG 2 N 1998.
- The new version of working draft is available as SC 2 N 3297 (WG 2 N 2002). The scope of 10646-2 has been revised.
- WG 2 has nearly accomplished preparation of the amendments and the second edition of 10646 Part 1. The level of activities will be slow down.
- WG 2 N 1952 listing all the proposals status is available. It can be used to monitor the progress of work.

The approval of WG 2 projects progress is in Resolution M09.07 to M09.16.

5. WG 3 Activities

The WG 3 Convener's Report has been circulated as N 3301. It was not available at the meeting.

Decisions on WG 3 projects are in Resolution M09.17 to M09.22

- 8859-7: Latin Greek

The revision of this part was decided at the 1995 Helsinki meeting together with other parts. As this project has had no progress to stage 3 in the past three years, in accordance with JTC 1 Directives 6.4.1.5, it was decided to instruct the editor to prepare a WD for CD registration by 1999-05-15 (Resolution M09.17).

- 8859-11: Latin Thai

This project was suspended at the 7th SC 2 Crete Meeting in 1997 and reactivated at the Redmond meeting in 1998. As there was no progress since the last plenary in Redmond, it was decided to instruct the Editor to prepare a draft for further processing by 1999-07-15 (Resolution M09. 18).

- TR 15907: Revision of ISO 1073-2 (OCR-B):

SC 2 did not see necessity of changing of this project from TR Type 2 to Type 3. Also, it was felt that Type 3 TR requires NP process. Thus, it was decided to instruct the editor not to remove untested characters and to prepare a text for Type 2 as decided at the SC 2 Crete meeting (Resolution M09.22). After this meeting, the Secretariat has received the Editor's proposal for immediate cancellation (see SC 2 N 3298).

6. ISO 2375 Registrations

ITSCJ, Registration Authority, presented N 3290 as the registration principles in response to the recent applications and their corresponding NB comments. The US recommendations in N 3169 were also considered. Based on these two documents, revision of ISO 2375 was decided. N 3295 is the scope document. The establishment of the Advisory group was also decided. NBs are invited to nominate their experts to this group by 1999-06-30 (Resolution M09-04 to 06).

7. Liaison matters

- The liaison request from ISO/TC 211 was accepted (Resolution M09.23)
- To complete transfer of ISO/TC 46/SC 4 projects to SC 2, Mr. Everson as the liaison officer was asked to prepare a liaison statement (Resolution M09.24).
- The JTC 1 CLAU Ad hoc recommends SC 2 to establish a C liaison with W3C. However, a liaison request from W3C had not been submitted to SC 2. Thus no resolution was taken.
- Liaison Reports from CEN TC 304, Unicode and AFII are contained in N 3270, N 3272, and N 3271 respectively.

8. National Body Activity Report

The activity report of Republic of Kroea is contained in N 3280.

9. Appointment of Officers

Mr. Zhang Zhoucai (China) was re-appointed as the IRG Rapporteur. Mr. Michael Everson (Ireland) was appointed as the project editor for ISO 2375 revision. Dr. Asmus Freytag (Unicode) and Dr. Ken Whistler (US) were also appointed as additional contributing editors for 10646-1.

10. Future Meeting

The next plenary meeting was tentatively decided to be held on 2000-09-18/19 in Greece (Backup: US). The WG meeting schedule was approved as in Resolution M.09.09.

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