Working Group Charter

This Working Group Charter establishes the Scope and intellectual property terms used to develop the materials identified in this Working Group Charter for the Project. Only Project Steering Members, Associates, and Contributors that Joined the Working Group will be bound by its terms and be permitted to participate in this Working Group.

1. <u>Working Group Name</u>. **DID Communication**

2. <u>Working Group Scope</u>.

   Produce one or more high-quality specs that embody a method ("DIDComm") for secure, private and (where applicable) authenticated message-based communication, where trust is rooted in DIDs and depends on the messages themselves, not on the external properties of the transport(s) used. The method must be usable over many means of transport, including those that are asynchronous and simplex, and ones that do not necessarily use the internet. It must support routing and relay through untrusted intermediaries, not just point-to-point delivery. In addition to the communication and protocols described above, the protocols for exchanging DIDs/keys to bootstrap such communication are within scope. These protocols can be the foundation of higher-level protocols such as credential exchange and higher-level authentication protocols.

   A narrowly focused reference implementation (not to be confused with a robust library targeting broad adoption) and/or a test suite should be a target deliverable as well.

   Specifications include full protocol and data exchange format details.

   <u>Out of scope:</u>

   Higher-level protocols, including credential exchange and higher-level authentication protocols, built on top of the core mechanism (except perhaps a simple one for illustrative purposes).

3. <u>Copyright Policy</u>. Each Working Group must specify the copyright mode under which it will operate prior to initiating any work on any Draft Deliverable or Approved Deliverable other than source code. The copyright mode for this Working Group is.

   ■ <u>Creative Commons Attribution 4.0</u>, as set forth in Appendix A,
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4. <u>Approved Deliverable Patent Licensing</u>. Each Working Group must specify the patent mode under which it will operate prior to initiating any work on any Draft Deliverable or Approved Deliverable other than source code. The patent mode for this Working Group is:

   ■   <u>W3C Mode</u>, as set forth in Appendix A,

   The assurances provided in the selected patent mode are binding on the Working Group Participant's successors-in-interest. In addition, each Working Group Participant will include in any documents transferring ownership of patents subject to the assurance provisions sufficient to ensure that the commitments in the assurance are binding on the transferee, and that the transferee will similarly include appropriate provisions in the event of future transfers with the goal of binding each successor-in-interest.

5. <u>Source Code</u>. Working Group Participants contributing source code to this Working Group agree that those source code contributions are subject to the Developer Certificate of Origin version 1.1, available at http://developercertificate.org/, and the license indicated below. Source code may not be a required element of an Approved Deliverable specification.

   ■ Apache 2.0, available at http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.html.

6. <u>Non-Working Group Participant Feedback and Participation</u>. Upon the Approval of the Working Group Participants, the Working Group can request feedback from and/or allow Non-Working Group Participant participation in a Working Group, subject to each Non-Working Group Participant executing the Feedback Agreement set forth in <u>DIF Feedback Agreement</u>

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