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Subject: Request for comments on the People's Republic of China (PRC) policies and influence in the development of international standards for emerging technologies

Dear Ms. Chambers:

I am providing the following information pursuant to NIST's public request for comments on the People's Republic of China (PRC) policies and influence in the development of international standards for emerging technologies, published in the Federal Register on November 4, 2021. ASC X9 is a non-profit standards body accredited by the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) to develop standards for the United States Financial Services Industry. In addition to developing and maintaining over 125 domestic standards, ASC X9 acts as the ISO Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the United States to six ISO groups. The ISO groups are: 1) TC68 – Financial Services; 2) TC68/SC2 – Financial Services, Security; 3) TC68/SC8 – Reference Data for Financial Services; 4) TC68/SC9 – Information Exchange for Financial Services; (5) TC321 – Transaction Assurance in eCommerce; and (6) TC322 - Sustainable Finance. TAGs provide subject matter experts to work on ISO standards and determine how the United States will vote on ISO ballots. In addition to the providing six TAGs to ISO groups, ASC X9 also provides the chair of ISO TC68 and Committee Manager support for ISO TC68.

The information provided herein is public information. It documents the level of participation provided by the PRC to ISO TC68 and its subcommittees and working groups. As shown in Annex A, the PRC is a member ISO TC68, all the subcommittees under TC68 and most of the working groups. For the six groups highlighted in yellow, the PRC provides the chair for the group.

Once a year, ISO TC68 holds a week-long plenary meeting. Prior to the Covid pandemic, the meetings were in person and the location rotated to different regions of the world every year. For the last two years, the meetings have been virtual. The last in-person meeting was held in Paris (2019) and the PRC sent 10 experts. For the October 2021 TC68 virtual plenary meeting, the PRC had 15 attendees on the

call. For the last several years, the size of the PRC delegation has ranked in the top 3 of all member countries. It is not uncommon for some member countries to send 3 or fewer people to the meetings.

In addition to their work in TC68, the PRC petitioned ISO for the creation of Technical Committee TC321 – Transaction Assurance in E-Commerce. ISO granted the petition. The PRC provides the secretariat function and the chair to TC321.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Harden Stevens

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Annex A – PRC ISO Participation Information

PRC Participation in ISO TC68

ISO/TC68	Financial Services	Technical Committee
ISO/TC 68/AG 2	Standards Advisory Group	Working group
ISO/TC 68/AG 3	Best practices	Working group
ISO/TC 68/AG 4	Sustainable finance Advisory Group	Working group
ISO/TC 68/AG 5	Digital currencies	Working group
ISO/TC 68/CAG	Strategic Leadership Group	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SG 4	Communications	Working group
ISO/TC 68/TAG 1	Fintech Technical Advisory Group	Working group

PRC Participation in ISO TC68/SC2

ISO/TC 68/SC 2	Financial Services, Security	Subcommittee
ISO/TC 68/SC 2/WG 8	Public key infrastructure management for financial services	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 2/WG 11	Encryption algorithms used in banking applications	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 2/WG 13	Security in retail banking	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 2/WG 16	Security aspects related to third party payment service providers (TPP's)	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 2/WG 17	Security aspects of digital currencies	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 2/WG 18	Customer identification and authentication technologies	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 2/WG 19	Security aspects of code-scanning payment	Working group

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PRC Participation in ISO TC68/SC8

ISO/TC 68/SC 8	Reference Data for Financial Services	Subcommittee
ISO/TC 68/SC 8/SG 5	Digital wallet identification	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 8/WG 2	Specification for description of banking products or services	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 8/WG 3	Digital Token Identifier – DTI	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 8/WG 7	Natural persons identifier	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 8/WG 8	Unique product identifier (UPI)	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 8/WG 9	Official organizational roles (OOR)	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 8/WG 10	Revision of the FISN	Working group

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PRC Participation in ISO TC68/SC9

ISO/TC 68/SC 9	Information Exchange for Financial Services	Subcommittee
ISO/TC 68/SC 9/AG 1	ISO 20022 RA Oversight Group	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 9/SG 1	Review of ISO 20022 SR comments	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 9/TG 1	Cards standards	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 9/WG 1	ISO 20022 Semantic Models	Working group
ISO/TC 68/SC 9/WG 3	Revision of ISO 8583 and ISO 18245	Working group

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PRC Participation in ISO TC321

ISO/TC 321	Transaction Assurance in E-Commerce	Technical Committee
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