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Rf: Contribution on the organization of further development of NFC standards

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The Dutch National Committee proposes the SC6/WG1 Study Group to take the following into consideration regarding the task division on standards for NFC and for identification of persons:

We fully support the advancement of technology for smart cards and NFC devices. The markets for these technologies are rapidly emerging. The development of standards provide a solid platform for further technology development; interoperability is a major concern in this respect.

The Dutch NC fully supports the direction taken so far, with ISO/IEC 14443 for Proximity Contactless Circuit Cards and readers, and ISO/IEC 18092 and ISO/IEC 21481 for NFC devices. This ensures interoperability between the two worlds of contactless cards and NFC devices: 14443-compliant PCDs (already installed in very large numbers), are able to read compliant NFC devices vice versa.

This successful approach of interoperability shall be preserved in the further standardization process. SC6 already produced 6 NFC-related standards, and is the logical homebase to continue doing this, given its scope of Telecommunications and Information Exchange Between Systems.

SC17 has no track record in NFC standards, and focuses on a limited part of the relevant scope, i.e. on ID Cards and Identification of Persons. We note that the application range of NFC devices is much wider than the latter.

The Dutch National Committee therefore sees no reason for transfer as proposed in recent Japanese and UK contributions. The existing practice of two well-focussed groups, with mutual alignment on requirements valid for both NFC and identification of persons, is successful and deserves continuation.

Merging the activities into one (larger) SC brings the risk to complicate the work and lose focus and momentum; therefore we discourage such merger.

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