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Foreword

In accordance with the SC6 Resolution 6.1.1 from its Tokyo (June 2009) meeting, this document collates the comments received on the National Body review of the current revision of the ISO/IEEE PSDO Agreement. Further this document provides an overview of the received comments categorised on specific subject matter with the intent that it may focus a National Body discussion aimed at reaching a consensus view for consideration and action by the ITTF.

While the SC6 Resolution 6.1.1 suggested that this discussion could be achieved by Email no formal mechanism was approved to allow this to take place. Therefore this document is circulated to SC6 National Bodies and Liaison Organisations for their review, and consideration at the SC6 WG1 meeting in Barcelona, 18-20 January 2010. It is proposed that the output from this discussion is forwarded to the ITTF for their consideration and action.

Project Editor Response

National Body comments were received from three sources in total which may be found in:

6N14124 NBC from China
6N14126 NBC from UK
6N14132 NBC from Switzerland

Of these responses, the UK expressed support for the existing wording within the PSDO Agreement and therefore there were substantive proposed amendments from only two National Bodies both of which expressed dissatisfaction at the current text.

The comments were broadly in agreement on their subject which are categorised as follows.

ISO/IEC Directives	Contradictions between the PSDO Agreement and the ISO/IEC Directives and the JTC1 Supplement were identified with the request that such contradictions be removed. The PSDO Agreement should follow the ISO/IEC Directives and the JTC1 Supplement.
Copyright Issues	Change was requested such that standards adopted as a consequence of the PSDO Agreement process could be used in later ISO standards as is the case with work developed using the ISO/IEC Directives and the JTC1 Supplement. The current PSDO Agreement specifically leaves the copyright of adopted IEEE standards with the IEEE.
Standard Adoption	Where the IEEE adopts an ISO standard making use of the PSDO Agreement then agreement should be reached between ISO and the IEEE. The existing PSDO Agreement suggests the agreement for such adoption should take place between ISO and ANSI
FDIS processing	It is argued that for sound practical reasons any IEEE Standards progressed

	using the PSDO Agreement should make use of the DIS Fast Track process and not the FDIS process as is currently mandated. In so doing advantage is taken of the technical expertise that ISO JTC1 SC6 National Bodies can bring to the process of adopting IEEE Standards. The FDIS process allows only a Yes/No ballot which is demonstrably inadequate and not fit for this purpose.
Revision Process	Before a revised PSDO Agreement is adopted by ISO it is believed prudent that the text be presented to JTC1 National Body members for their review and comment. The PE also notes that should the above proposed revisions be incorporated then the IEEE would also need to review and agree the proposed changes as this is essentially a collaborative agreement between two standards making bodies. It is vital for ISO that a robust agreement is established with the IEEE so that within an SC, all NB effort may be concentrated on the technical issues alone.

Next Steps

It is proposed that the items categorised above form the basis for a discussion at the upcoming SC6 WG1 meeting, 18-20 January 2010 with the intent that an agreed document is forwarded to the ITTF for their consideration, review and action.