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## **Canadian Contribution on the Clause Numbering of the JTC 1 Supplement**

Canada desires the maximum usability of the ISO/IEC Directives, JTC 1 Supplement and Standing Documents that will govern JTC 1 activities once these documents are implemented. In the past, JTC 1 members including all those associated with JTC 1 sub-groups, have had, for the most part, only to look in a single location, the JTC 1 Directives, for guidance and direction regarding policies, procedures and activities. Once the new scheme comes into force in mid 2010 this may no longer be the case unless action is taken.

Once the new scheme is implemented an individual will need to look in three locations, the ISO/IEC Directives, the JTC 1 Supplement and the Standing Documents (SD).

Regardless of the existence of an “integrated version” and a “Directives Guidance Document”, as discussed in another Canadian submission, the “official versions” will always be the separate documents, and these must be usable as they stand without additional support. The clause numbering scheme of the ISO/IEC Directives can not be changed, even in an “integrated version”. JTC 1 has been precluded from placing any form of reference in the ISO/IEC Directives, and for having references to the Standing Documents in the JTC1 Supplement. Also it is essential that the JTC 1 Supplement include a clause numbering scheme that permits unambiguous positioning of the JTC 1 Supplement paragraphs within the context of the ISO/IEC Directives. An example of a possible scheme is given in the attached document.

Canada considers it imperative that the new set of governance documents can be used easily, without error, consistently, and by those experienced in JTC 1 operations and those new to JTC 1. Further, Canada believes that it is critical that the set of governance documents can be used in the integrated form and as separate documents. Canada therefore offers the following draft resolution for JTC 1's consideration.

"Resolution cc - JTC 1 Supplement clause numbering

JTC1 instructs SWG-Directives to creating a numbering scheme within the JTC 1 Supplement in order to ensure accurate and repeatable usage without error.

SWG-Directives should consider the suggestions provided by Canada in document JTC 1 N nnnn."