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Austrian Contribution to the SC6 Study Group meeting
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The Austrian National Body kindly asks the SC6/WG1 Study Group to take the following position statement into consideration:

The Austrian NB emphasizes the importance of ISO/IEC 14443 as International standard for Proximity Contactless Circuit Cards and readers and ISO/IEC 18092 and ISO/IEC 21481 as International standard for NFC devices.

The later ensures interoperability between the two worlds of contactless cards and NFC devices. Every 14443 compliant PCDs, as those are installed in a very large numbers, shall be able to read compliant NFC devices and NFC devices shall be able to read PICCs compliant to 14443 Types A and B.

The Austrian NB is of the opinion that this approach of interoperability shall be kept and encourages further improvements on PICCs and PCDs on the one hand and NFC devices on the other hand should ensure backwards interoperability. Improvements in Types A and B of the revised standards ISO/IEC 14443 and corresponding test methods 10373-6 should be taken into account in future improvements of NFC standards.

The Austrian NB also requests the involved standards setting groups to avoid additional duplication of requirements in the two segments. We fully support the optimization of a technology for the respective application of smart cards on the one hand and NFC devices on the other hand but overlapping requirements should rather be referenced than duplicated.

For the upcoming initiative of harmonization the sponsors are requested to provide more clear objectives and conditions considering above Austrian NB position statements.