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Mr. Walter Fumy
Chairman, ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC27

Dear Chairman. Fumy:

ISACA and IT Governance Institute (ITGI) are desirous of entering into a category “C” liaison with the SC27 committee. The main reason is our strong interest to contribute our broad level of expertise globally to JTC 1/SC27 as it continues to develop and maintain its standards on a go-forward basis, particularly in the area of Security Services and Guidelines. We can add great value to the committee by providing our organizations’ subject matter expertise in this specialized field, at a global level. Points of specific relevance include:

- ISACA and ITGI are global organizations representing the, Security and Assurance and the ICT governance community. We have a deep understanding of the needs, issues and challenges of the community, including those of information technology and security issues and techniques.
- We developed and own the globally used and respected *Control Objectives for Information and related Technology* (COBIT) framework, and its comprehensive related family of products, which among others include the Information Security Governance: Guide for Boards of Directors and Executive Management, Security Baseline, IT Assurance Guide, Board Briefing on IT Governance and IT Governance Implementation Guide.
- Our members include those involved in evaluation of IT processes against the requirements of a range of government regulations, ISO standards and the best practices documented in COBIT.
- Many of our members are already involved on an individual basis in a number of ISO activities around the world. The addition of our organizations (jointly) as a category “C” liaison would leverage the structure of ISACA/ITGI, while still capitalizing on the talent that our 65,000 members in over 140 countries and 170 global chapters represent.
- Our membership represents the same constituency that SC27 and particularly those focused on ISMS Standards and Implementation Guidance. Our specialized knowledge can assist in the deliberations regarding the existing standard’s suitability as an international standard. If there is any further information that you require, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you, and to the opportunity to work with such as prestigious organization as ISO. Please contact Thomas Lamm at tlamm@isaca.org or 1.847.253.1545, ext 463

Sincerely,

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Liaison Relationship Between ISO JTC 1/ SC 27 and ISACA/ITGI

What is ISACA/ITGI?

With more than 65,000 members and 170 chapters in more than 140 countries, ISACA is a recognized worldwide leader in IT governance, control, security and assurance that was founded in 1969. ISACA sponsors international conferences, publishes the *Information Systems Control Journal*, develops international information systems auditing and control standards, and administers the CISA designation, earned by more than 50,000 worldwide, and the CISM designation, a groundbreaking credential earned by more than 6,000 since its inception, and develops and promotes globally applicable information systems auditing and control standards.

The IT Governance Institute (ITGI) was established by ISACA in 1998 to advance international thinking and standards in directing and controlling an enterprise's information technology. ITGI developed *Control Objectives for Information and related Technology* (COBIT), now in its fourth edition and used around the globe by enterprises in the public and private sector, and offers original research and case studies to assist enterprise leaders and boards of directors in their IT governance responsibilities

What are our aims?

- To enlighten the business and regulatory community on the importance of IT as it supports enterprises strategies.
- To provide thought leadership and advance the thinking in the field of IT governance, security and assurance
- To provide a worldwide community forum for IT control and governance professionals – executives, managers and practitioners
- To develop and provide technical and professional source material for these professionals
- To promote and provide standards and guidance for the IS audit and control profession

Who are our members?

The membership of ISACA is truly global, represented by membership in over 140 countries. Members run the gamut of IT security, assurance and governance positions, from entry level to senior executives, in governments, industry and academia. The size of the organizations can range from large, multinational corporations, to small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as stand-alone consultancies. It is not uncommon for ISACA members to hold positions within the C-suites of both public and private sectors

What do we offer?

ISACA and ITGI offer a varied combination of global thought leadership, product development, certification and education in the areas of governance, security, and assurance. The organization is uniquely positioned to provide the leading-edge products and services needed to be successful and maintain competitive advantage.



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Statement of Benefits
Category “C” Liaison between JTC 1/SC27 with ISACA/ITGI

A category “C” liaison between JTC 1/SC27 and ISACA/ITGI would support JTC 1/SC27’s efforts to fulfill its global mandate toward the IT community through continued development and maintenance of standards, particularly in the area of Information Security Management Systems techniques and guidance.

ISACA’s focus on Security and Audit would seem to support the mission of JTC1/SC27, as it works to promote Security as an integral part of the Governance of enterprises globally.

ISACA/ITGI's *Control Objectives for Information related Technologies* (COBIT) is globally recognized as the leading IT assurance, governance and control framework and covers IT process control and process improvement. ISACA/ITGI utilizes a community of experts in the areas of governance, security management and assurance across the broad range of IT process areas.

ISACA's global members include those involved in evaluation of IT processes against the requirements of a range of government regulations, ISO standards and the best practices documented in COBIT. This assurance role is a crucial aspect of governance. ISACA services this key community by providing a range of assurance standards, guidelines, training and certifications. A category “C” liaison between JTC 1/SC27 and ISACA/ITGI will provide JTC 1/SC27 access to this important user community, thus enhancing communication and cooperation among all interested parties.

In addition to broadening cooperation between ISACA/ITGI and JTC 1/SC27 in the development of standards, a category “C” liaison will ensure ISACA’s/ITGI’s participation in promoting those standards within the global governance, security and assurance community.