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French NB comments on SG ICG Report JTC1 N9318

The French National Body followed and participated to SG ICG works with high interest FNB acknowledges the huge amount of work performed under the efficient Chairmanship of Australia on the investigation of the need for standards on the governance for ICTs.

As FNB participated actively to the last SG ICG meeting in Berlin, May 2008), FNB took part to the approving of the creation of a Working Group under JTC1 Standards, as expressed in Resolution 7.

FNB would like to precise that the creation of a WG with a scope as reported: "The initial scope of this working group would be to produce standards and other documents relating to the corporate governance of IT" was discussed only in the context of the eventuality of a proven need for ICT Governance.

Indeed, at that time, the questionnaire supposed to give/give not evidence for the need for ICT Governance standard was not achieved, so there was no evidence for a WG with such a scope. So, Resolution should not be taken out of this context nor of the prerequisite of evidence for need for standards.

Further more, it was not discussed nor approved by SG ITG participants in Berlin to have a "transition period" as written " While the Corporate Governance of IT Working Group is being formed , the Study Group requests a transition period so that the following unresolved and consequential issues may be dealt with": so FNB can not consider it as an approved recommandation to JTC1

FNB does not see evidence for this need, being in line with the report as it mentions "The issue of potential demand for standards is less definite".

Last but not least, FNB would like to underline that a certification in regard to ICT Governance does not ensure compliance to (local) regulations.