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### **US National Body contribution in response to JTC 1 N 9004, Call for Comments on JTC 1 N 8735, UK Contribution on Ballot Resolution Groups**

The US disapproves the changes suggested on the BRGs proposed by the UK in JTC 1 N 8735 with the following comments:

- Editing the JTC 1 Directives to move text around while in the midst of harmonization with the ISO/IEC Directives seems a low-value task. Despite the introductory paragraphs to this submission, little new material concerning “the composition and procedures of Ballot Resolution Groups” is provided.
- Active, voting participation in a BRM should be available to any voter casting a valid vote, including those who vote “Abstain”.
- “Affected interests” language appears in the ISO/IEC Directives today, and it is not clear what is achieved by making such a change to delete this language in the JTC 1 Directives, again in the midst of harmonization. The determination of precisely who are “affected interests”, however, is more suitably left open for ISO/IEC and JTC 1 interpretation, as reasonable and sound decisions in this area would lead to productive BRMs.
- SC Members should have the ability to participate in BRMs which affect the SC scope, whether they voted or not, and this provision should not be deleted.