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UK Input for the ISO/IEC JTC 1 SWG-D Meeting, 29 – 31 July 2008

The UK would like to record the following positions on the Agenda items for the ISO/IEC JTC 1 SWG-D Meeting, Canada, 29 – 31 July 2008

Agenda Item 7 Revision of the JTC 1 Directives

The UKNB supports the Canadian position in N8942 and proposes that this work be given extremely high priority. Little visible progress appears to have been made on producing the JTC 1 Supplement and this - and any future - delays will lead to additional work (and the possibility of errors) in that amendments to the existing Directives will have to be transposed to the Supplement.

We therefore propose that a significant part of the forthcoming Directives meeting is devoted to progressing the production of a first draft of this supplement. We suggest an item be added to the early part of the agenda so that, if supported, any changes to the Directives agreed at the July meeting are applicable to both the current Directives and the supplement when produced.

The schedule for the completion of the supplement should be discussed and a proposed set of milestones agreed.

Agenda Item 8 Draft Standing Document on Teleconferencing

The UKNB appreciates that the repetition of text from the JTC 1 Directives should be kept to a minimum and it should be clear which text forms part of the Guidelines and which is part of the Directives (with references given).

However the UKNB believes that the Standing Document should enable all participants to have access to the guidelines in one place without needing to refer to other sources.

This Standing Document should be made available to all participants when new teleconferences are initiated by attaching it to the first calling notice.

Agenda item 9 Contributions from IEC Central Office on the Fast Track Process as applied to Amendments

The UKNB believes that by submitting a standard for fast-track the submitters should commit to updating their documents to keep them aligned with the ISO/IEC text (including corrigenda and amendments etc) because divergence of the specifications could create confusion in the market place. If amendments are produced in the submitting organisation, the amendments should be submitted to JTC 1 as soon as practicable.