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Liaison Statement from SC17 to SC6:

SC17's position on a general approach for an efficient harmonization process regarding the NFC standards and ISO/IEC 14443

SC17's principle position for a constructive and efficient harmonization process for the NFC and ISO/IEC 14443 standards is that any interface definition to objects performing the role as either a PCD (card reader role) or a PICC (card role), or resp. as either a VCD or a VICC related to ISO/IEC 15693, shall be put under the umbrella of SC17. For ISO/IEC 14443, resp. 15693, it is clear that they naturally have been in the responsibility of SC17, however regarding NFC, all related standardization activities of its PICC and PCD modes shall be moved to SC17's responsibility in order to avoid any further deviation of the PCD and PICC modes, defined in the NFC and ISO/IEC 14443 standards and to start actions for their harmonization.

The reason for associating the responsibility of both those interface definitions to SC17 is that they have been developed and maintained within SC17 since 1993, so that best experience and know-how can be assumed in SC17. SC17 sees a need for harmonization of ISO/IEC 14443, resp. 15693, and NFC just for the interfaces to PCDs and PICCs. SC17 can only expect a future efficient harmonization process when the relevant expert groups will be merged to one single entity within SC17. Experts and delegates from ECMA and SC6 will be welcomed to attend the related meetings and to cooperate with the experts of SC17.

Regarding the "peer-to-peer mode", SC17 has no interest for standardization actions, neither for its adoption to SC17 standards, nor to develop further or maintain existing standards of it.

SC17 is confident, that its above position clearly follows the contents of the JTC1 Resolution 42 from the Nara meeting in 2008 and also the spirit of standardization processes within JTC1 for avoiding unnecessary standardization duplications for equal or very similar technical definitions.