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SUBJECT: Request for JTC 1 Approval of Category C Liaison Between SC22/WG20 and the World Wide Web Consortium

Dear Lisa:

At its Plenary meeting on September 20-23, 1999, JTC 1/SC22 approved the request from SC22/WG20 for liaison with the World Wide Web Consortium.

This request is forwarded to ISO/IEC JTC 1 for its approval. The Statement of Benefits and Responsibilities for this liaison, which has been approved by JTC 1/SC22, SC22/WG20 and the World Wide Web Consortium, is attached.

Sincerely

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Attachment

Liaison Between the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and SC22/WG20

Statement of mutual benefits and responsibilities

This statement is in support of a Type C Liaison between JTC 1/SC22/WG20 and the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C).

The Internet has received much attention in the recent years, much because of the world wide web services. As these services are penetrating society on a global basis and are becoming of daily use to major parts of the population of the world, it is important that people be serviced on the web in their own language and culture.

The working group JTC 1/SC22/WG20 of ISO/IEC responsible for internationalization is producing standards in this area, and the W3C organization, which is responsible for many standards for the world wide web services, is also producing specifications in the internationalization area specifically oriented towards use in the web services.

Benefits:

The W3C is producing specifications for an API on internationalization for web services. W3C thinks that those specifications could benefit by a better line of communication with WG20.

SC22/WG20 develops international standards regarding internationalization.

Since W2C has a clear interest in such standards, it would benefit by having a liaison line from SC22/WG20 reporting on the progress in such standards development.

Responsibilities:

The two organizations will exchange information and contributions to common interest work on a regular basis. Whenever possible, they will send representatives to each others meetings.

Approved: SC22
SC22/WG20

Approved: World Wide Web Consortium

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