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TO: JTC 1 National Bodies and Subcommittees

At its 22-23 January 2001 meeting, the ISO Technical Management Board adopted the following resolution in response to JTC 1's request for approval of the "Trial New Participation Mode" (Tromso Resolution 25).

Technical Management Board resolution 12/2001

ISO/IEC JTC 1

The Technical Management Board

noting the proposal from ISO/IEC JTC 1 on modified rules for participation in WGs under SCs of JTC 1 which would allow corporate bodies to participate directly in JTC 1 WGs,

considering that an innovative approach is needed to re-position JTC 1 with respect to the ITC industry,

requests JTC 1 to reconsider the original proposals which proposed a more radical restructuring and to submit further proposals to the TMB for review,

in the meantime concurs that the current proposals essentially allow JTC 1 working groups to work as traditional working groups or in the workshop mode according to the rules agreed for ITAs,

requests its secretariat to convey the TMB's view to JTC 1, the IEC and the ISO Council.

In light of the ISO Technical Management Board's request for JTC 1 to reconsider its strategic planning proposals and submit further proposals to the TMB, I have re-activated the JTC 1 Strategic Planning Ad Hoc and have re-appointed Mr. Scott Jameson as Convener of this activity. In order to respond to the TMB in a timely manner, the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc is authorized to meet prior to the November 2001 Plenary in Hawaii and request 60-day letter ballots as necessary in order to provide recommendations for JTC 1 consideration at the Hawaii Plenary.

Also, as directed by Tromso Resolution 23, the business planning ad hoc group has been meeting via teleconference regarding the JTC 1 Long Term Planning meeting to be held by the second quarter of 2001. During its teleconference on 30 January 2001, the ad hoc agreed that in light of the recent TMB decision, a Long Term Planning activity independent of the re-activated Strategic Planning activity would not be advisable. Therefore, I have directed that the Long Term Planning meeting arrangements be

discontinued and the topic of Long Term Planning be considered as part of the continuing Strategic Planning Ad Hoc activity.

Specific information concerning the continuing Strategic Planning Ad Hoc will be provided by Mr. Jameson in the near future.

Best Regards,

Tom Frost
Chairman, ISO/IEC JTC 1