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**Subject: V2 (US TAG to JTC 1/SC 35) Delegate Nomination and Position for the JTC 1 Special Meeting on Cultural and Linguistic Matters**

**From:** Bill LaPlant, V2 Chairman

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Dear Ms. Garner,

Attached is the position of INCITS/V2, the U.S. TAG to ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC 35, for the JTC 1 Special Meeting on Cultural and Linguistic Matters.

Dr. Gottfried Zimmermann [Zimmer@trace.wisc.edu, phone 608-265-2720] of the Trace R&D Center, University of Wisconsin, Madison is nominated to the U.S. delegation to represent INCITS/V2, the U.S. TAG to ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC 35, at this meeting.

Please forward this response and nomination appropriately.

Thank you.

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Chairman, U.S. TAG to ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC 35

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V2 resolution regarding the JTC1 special meeting on internationalization and cultural diversity in Geneva, June 2-3, 2003

**INCITS/V2, as the US Technical Advisory Group to JTC1 SC35 resolves:**

V2 is committed to making access to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) available for everybody. This goal includes consideration of linguistic and cultural diversity amongst our constituency.

V2 realizes that various standard developing organizations and groups are addressing this very topic. V2 lauds the effort of JTC1 to ensure that work is not duplicated and that it be performed, where the best resources are available.

V2 therefore has developed the following recommendations:

**1. Co-ordination of work:**

**1.1. Future projects**

In order to avoid duplication of work in various committees, V2 recommends that any new project proposal with potential impact on internationalization and cultural diversity be circulated to the involved committees (SC2, SC35, SC22/WG20) for a comment period of 1 month before it is submitted to JTC1 and/or work on the projects is started. Concerns about overlapping work must be communicated via e-mail, additional teleconferences can be arranged, if necessary.

**1.2. Transfer of projects**

Where appropriate, projects should be easily transferred between the involved committees for optimal results. The agreement of both parties for such a transfer of projects can be negotiated via e-mail or teleconference.

**2. Method of work:**

V2, considering the economic situation of the IT industry, recommends that no face-to-face meetings be mandated. The bulk of the coordination and cooperation between the involved parties must be done via e-mail and, if necessary, via teleconferences.

A distribution list needs to be created that contains the representatives of SC2 and its working groups, of SC35, and of SC22/WG20. In addition, chairs and international representatives from National Body mirror committees or Technical Advisory Groups should be allowed to "opt-in".

V2 offers to maintain a web site with the documents related to this coordination effort.