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Recommendations to the next SC2 Plenary concerning the Editing Group of ISO/IEC 14651:

- Reconfirm the Editing Group of ISO/IEC 14651 until the next SC2 Plenary after the one of 2006;
- Name this group “OWG-SORT” (“AGT-TRI” when mention is done in French) to clarify its mode of operation under SC2 according to JTC1 Directives;
- Define its task as the maintenance of ISO/IEC 14651, and in particular, until the next Plenary, to lead to its term the publication of ISO/IEC 14651 amendment 3 and initiate the Second Edition of this International Standard, with an amended sort table (Common Template Table) including the character repertoire of ISO/IEC 10646:2003 plus its amendments 1 and 2;
- Automatically open its membership to all SC2 NMBs, in particular those which are committed to participate in the development of ISO/IEC 14651;
- the convener of this OWG will be its project editor, Mr. Alain LaBonté, from *Gouvernement du Québec, Canada*

Rationale:

Since the current situation is ambiguous in SC2, it is recommended that we make it clear how the editing group operates under the Directives of JTC1. Since SC2 chose to not make this group a full-fledged WG at the beginning when it was created at the 2004 Toronto SC2 Plenary, it therefore needs to be reestablished at each SC2 Plenary. That is the main difference with a permanent WG.

For information, the JTC1 Directives state the following (the most relevant text is underlined and in bold – although all the text is relevant):

“**2.6.2 Other Working Groups (OWG)**”

2.6.2.1 JTC 1, SCs and WGs may establish OWGs to undertake specific tasks between meetings of the establishing body. These tasks shall be defined at a meeting of the establishing body. The provisions of these directives which apply to WGs apply to OWGs as well, except as otherwise noted in the terms of reference of the OWG (see 2.6.2.3). Since the provisions of 7.5.2 and 7.6.1 impose minimum lead times between meetings, advanced planning of such meetings is particularly necessary if work is to be completed before the next meeting of the establishing body.

2.6.2.2 Participation in these OWGs need not be restricted to the delegates present at the meeting during which the group is established. However, the Convener should preferably be selected from among the attendees.

2.6.2.3 When established, the terms of reference of each OWG shall be defined by the establishing body taking into account:

• a definition of the task to be completed by the group:

- the time frame in which the task is to be completed;
- the membership of the group;

• the designation of the group's convener:

- appropriate provisions for the administrative support of the group;
- meeting arrangements for the first meeting of the group.

2.6.2.4 **If continuation of the OWG is required, it shall be re-established at each meeting of the establishing body.**

2.6.2.5 **The following are examples of OWGs:**

- Ad hoc group
- Subgroup Rapporteur group
- Drafting group
- **Editing group**
- Ballot resolution group

2.6.2.6 JTC 1 or SCs may establish editing groups to ensure the best possible editorial presentation of drafts in conformity with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. **An editing group works under the responsibility of the Secretariat of JTC 1 or the SC that established it and provides direction to the Project Editor** (see 5.7).”