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Participation in JTC 1's Development Activities

1. The JTC 1 Special Group on Strategic Planning requests the JTC 1 Secretariat to send out the following proposition for a 60-day JTC 1 Letter Ballot:

“JTC 1 establishes a trial new participation mode, subject to ISO and IEC approval, for use by JTC 1 SCs that wish to try it. The description of the trial together with its associated duties and obligations is as follows:

1. Establishment of the trial: JTC 1 establishes a trial experimental mode of operation for participation in SCs. This new mode is optional and will only be invoked for those SCs that apply to the JTC 1 Secretariat to participate in the trial and that are approved for such participation by JTC 1.
2. SC involvement in the trial: SCs interested in participating in the trial must apply to the JTC 1 Secretariat. The application for participation must state the scope of the trial within the SC; an SC may choose to adopt the trial mode of operation for a specific project or projects, for one or more of its working groups, or for the entire SC. The Secretariat will conduct a JTC 1 Letter Ballot to determine if JTC 1 authorizes the trial mode of operation for that SC. Applications must be submitted prior to the JTC 1 2002 Plenary.
3. Membership in SCs by interested bodies: Any interested body that wishes to participate and vote in the technical work of an SC using the trial mode shall apply to the SC Secretariat to become a member of that SC, and for its representatives to attend meetings of the group. The exact process for interested body acceptance in SCs utilizing the new participation model will be determined by JTC 1 prior to the initiation of the trial.
4. Membership fees: A membership fee will be charged for the new “interested body” participants, although this may be waived for an introductory period. National Body representatives and liaisons will not be charged a membership fee. Subsequent JTC 1 resolutions will determine the length of this introductory period and the membership fee amount.
5. Consensus and voting: Consistent with ISO/IEC Directives, agreement within a Working Group or SC will continue to be on a consensus basis as determined by the convenor or chairman. In the event that a vote is necessary to determine the views of the group in a clear fashion, this will be accomplished on a “one body, one vote” basis, including voting through FCDs. The exact rules for voting and interested body participation in SCs utilizing the new participation model will be determined by JTC 1 prior to the initiation of the trial.
6. Dispute resolution: Any disputes during the operation of the trial shall be referred to the JTC 1 Secretariat and Chairman for resolution, including if necessary a JTC 1 Letter Ballot.
7. Review of trial: It is JTC 1's intention to review the trial at the JTC 1 2002 Plenary. Should the trial prove to be successful, JTC 1 will seek ISO and IEC

approval to extend this or a suitably modified version based on National Body, SC and interested body comments into the normal mode of JTC 1 operation. At the point of adoption of such changes to JTC 1's mode of operation, these changes will be applied to all ongoing work initiated under the trial.