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## 1. Issues

- 1.1 Currently ISO/IEC JTC1 issues only a .pdf document of its Plenary Resolutions. NBLO members as well as JTC1/SCs who wish to follow-up on, and respond to JTC1 Plenary Resolutions cannot simply “cut & paste” the text of one or more of these JTC1 Plenary Resolutions (without reformatting by each interested party).

Thus while it is technically possible to “cut & paste” from a .pdf file, this is a more time consuming and non-productive exercise. At the same time, not all NBLO members, those participating JTC1/SCs, and/or their technical<sup>1</sup> experts may have the time, IT tools, or expertise to undertake a “cut & paste” from .pdf formatted files.

- 1.2 It is vitally important to ISO/IEC JTC1 to encourage, facilitate and maximize the participation of its NBLOs and JTC1/SCs (and that of their experts) in any and all JTC1 activities.
- 1.3 It is also very important that ISO/IEC JTC1 re-establish itself as the primary international venue for ICT standardization. A key response strategy here is for JTC1 to make its “Plenary Resolutions”, i.e., its key decisions:
- (1) as widely and publicly available as possible;
  - (2) in a format(s) which facilitates, and minimizes existing resource and technical barriers to, anyone, anywhere, responding and providing inputs and contributions as follow-up to JTC1 Plenary Resolutions; and,
  - (3) that ensure that any and all documents referenced in JTC1 Resolutions are also made readily accessible and available to all NBLOs, JTC1/SCs, and any of their experts in order for them to be able to respond and contribute to follow-up actions, activities, contributions, etc., to JTC1 resolutions (via the appropriate channels).

- 1.4 Need to (re-) establish JTC1 as the pre-eminent venue for ICT standardization

The current JTC1 policy of restricting access to many of its documents, representing its very valuable and interesting standards development work, is totally counter productive to its strategy of positioning itself as a “more attractive venue for ICT standardization”, which is being advocated by many of its P-member bodies.

The recommendations below should be considered as a first step in support of JTC1 achieving this objective, i.e., one of its key objectives if not primary objective.

- 1.5 Need to support JTC1 (Gold Coast, 2007) Plenary Resolution #25 “Promoting a better understanding of JTC1”

The purpose of this JTC1 resolution is to promote a better understanding of JTC1 and its Subcommittees’ achievements for the purposes of marketing, advertising and recruiting. Having the JTC1 Resolutions publicly available is one way of supporting the implementation of this JTC1 Resolution.

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<sup>1</sup> For example, they may have the freely available Adobe Acrobat Reader only.

## 2.0 Recommended Solutions to these Issues

Below are stated three possible JTC1 Resolutions. OF these Canada, recommends that JTC1/SC32 support that stated under “2.3” below. If this is not possible, then that stated in “2.2” is a less best approach, while that stated in represents the minimum actions requested here of JTC1/SC32.

### 2.1 Minimum Required JTC1 Resolution – Resolution document only

The minimum required JTC1 response here is cast in the form of draft JTC1 Resolutions for its 2009 Plenary meeting

*“In order to facilitate response to follow-up to JTC1 Resolutions, and minimize “technical” requirements on to JTC1 resolutions by JTC1 NBLO members, its JTC1/SCs, and all of their participating NBLO experts, JTC1 resolves to make its Plenary Resolutions document publicly available in both .pdf, .doc and Open Office formats, (e.g., .odt)”.*

### 2.2 Recommended JTC1 Resolution – Resolution document and documents referenced in Resolutions

It is noted that JTC1 Plenary Resolutions reference other JTC1 documents. It is important to ensure that any JTC1 document referenced in one or more JTC1 resolutions be readily available. This is vital to facilitate informed response and follow-up to JTC1 resolutions by JTC1 NBLO members, JTC1/SCs, and/or JTC1/SCs experts.

Consequently, the text of the proposed “MINIMUM” JTC1 Resolution provided above is copied below and amended/strengthened as follows as the recommended JTC1 Plenary Resolution.

*“In order to facilitate response to follow-up to JTC1 Resolutions and to minimize “technical” resource requirements on JC1 NBLO members, its JTC1/SCs, and all of the participating experts of NBLO and/or JTC1/SCs, JTC1 resolves that all its Plenary Resolution documents be made publicly available in both .pdf, .doc and Open Office formats, (e.g., .odt), as well as any JTC1 document referenced in any JTC1 Plenary Resolution which will also be made publicly available documents.”*

*Note: If JTC1 adopts this “recommended JTC1 Resolution” then any and all documents submitted to the JTC1 Secretariat by its NBLOs and/or JTC1/SCs should be in either a “.doc”, or “.odt” format.*

### 2.3 Best Practices and JTC1 Leadership Role – Recommendation

Canada fully supports the ISO/IEC JTC1 position that it not only is an attractive venue for ICT standardization but also establish (or re-establish) itself as the pre-eminent venue for ICT standardization, i.e., in a manner in which ISO, IEC and ITU-T standards development work in their respective domains.

A key strategic (and marketing) aspect of these three (UN) internationally recognized standards development bodies is that they have open, transparent and consensus-based decision-making processes.

In addition, if JTC1 is really serious about facilitating and maximizing participation in follow-up activities to its Plenary Resolutions by its NBLO members, its JTC1/SCs and any, and all, of their participating experts, and positioning itself as having a world-wide leadership role in ICT standards development, that it should adopt the follow (draft) resolution at its 2008 Plenary.

*“In order to facilitate and maximize response to, minimize “technical” resource requirements on JTC1 NBLO members, its JTC1/SCs and all of the participating experts of its NBLOs and/or*

*JTC1/SCs, JTC1 resolves to:*

- (1) make its JTC1 Plenary Resolution documents publicly available as well as any JTC1 document referenced in its Plenary Resolutions document;*
- (2) make its JTC1 Plenary Resolutions document available in the following formats:*
  - an Adobe .pdf format;*
  - a MS Word .doc format;*
  - an Open Office format, (e.g., .odt);*
  - a “.ZIP” file containing the JTC1 Resolutions and all the JTC1 documents referenced in the JTC1 Plenary Resolutions; and,*
  - a “.html” format with all the JTC1 documents referenced in the JTC1 resolutions being “hot-linked” (and accessible) to the JTC1 documents referenced”.*

*Note: If JTC1 adopts this “recommended JTC1 Resolution” then any and all documents submitted to the JTC1 Secretariat by its NBLOs and/or JTC1/SCs should be in either a “.doc”, or “.odt” format.*