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## 0. Background Notes

0.1 At its Gold Coast, 2007 Plenary meeting, JTC1 passed a Resolution #22 “Promoting a better understanding of JTC1” (ref: J1N8804). The text of this resolution reads as follows:

### **“Resolution 22 – Promoting a Better Understanding of JTC 1**

*The JTC 1 and Subcommittee web sites are a mechanism to promote a better understanding of the committees’ achievements for the purposes of marketing, advertising and recruiting. To this end, as a minimum, the JTC 1 and Subcommittee web sites should make the following information publicly available:*

- *Explicit description of projects including title, scope and abstract*
- *Business plans<sup>1</sup>*
- *Work programs*
- *Press releases*
- *Members (P, O and L)*
- *Committee structure*
- *Planned meetings*
- *List of freely available standards that are the responsibility of the SC*
- *Links to the ITTF site for freely available standards*
- *Links (ITTF, ISO, IEC, etc)*

*Attention should be paid to more effective use of keywords to facilitate web search engines.*

*Any work that is necessary to be done to update web sites to include the above information should be completed no later than the 2008 JTC 1 Plenary meeting in Japan and confirmed in the Subcommittee plenary presentations. These web sites should be continually maintained and kept up to date.*

*Unanimous”*

0.2 JTC1/SC32 should fully support this JTC1 resolution and provide practical advice on how best to implement it (without people getting all caught up in various web technologies, search engines, etc.).

**The overall focus and priority here is to use, as much as possible, existing text found in JTC1 standards as the basic contents for populating any web site.**

This requires first of all a very clear decision by JTC1, i.e., through a resolution, to make existing content, i.e., the actual text in specified clauses in each standard to be made publicly available. Here the following approach is very do-able, practical and implementable:

- rather than inventing keywords, the terms of the definitions in each standard can and should serve as the “keywords”;
- as noted above, the scope and the abstract should be made publicly available;
- the last three bullets in this JTC1 Resolution pertain to “links to other standards”. The immediate response here should be one of making the contents of Clause 2 “Normative References” publicly available info on the website(s); and,

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<sup>1</sup> On the JTC1 site, business plans are listed as JTC1 documents but they are not “publicly available”

- informative information on what a standard is about, is found in Clause 0 “Introduction” in a standard. Having such information publicly available will also promote a better understanding of the committees’ achievements.

0.3 It is noted that at its 28 January, 2001 Plenary Meetings, JTC1/SC32 already advocated an approach similar to that proposed below {See JTC1/SC32 Resolution 25, ref: JTC1/SC32 N0456}. This JTC1/SC32 Resolution #25 was conveyed to JTC1 as document JTC1/SC32 N0461.<sup>2</sup>

## 1. Comments on JTC1 Resolution 22 re: Promoting a Better Understanding of JTC1

1.1 Canada fully supports JTC1 (Gold Coast, 2007) Resolution 22: Promoting a better understanding of JTC1

1.2 Canada is of the opinion that the JTC1 statement in Resolution 22 namely: “*Attention should be paid to more effective use of keywords to facilitate web search engines*” does not go far enough in implementing this JTC1 Resolution #22. Canada considers the keywords to be the terms assigned to the “Clause 3 Definitions” in a standards project.

1.3 Canada also notes that this JTC1 Resolution #22 also states that as a minimum, the JTC1 and SC websites should make the following information publicly available: “.. *Explicit description of projects including title, scope, and abstract*”.

1.4 Canada is of the opinion that the overall objectives of this JTC1 Resolution #22 as well as the specific requirements to make the scope, title, and abstracts as well as keywords (= Clause 3 Definitions) to be best achieved, and in a very cost-effective and efficient manner, by simply making the following Clauses of a standard part of such publicly available information of any standards project; namely:

- Clause 0 – Introduction;
- Clause 1 – Scope;
- Clause 2 – Normative References (including Referenced Specifications);
- Clause 3 – Definitions; and, possibly also,
- Clause 4 – Symbols and Abbreviations.

## 2. Recommendation

Canada recommends that JTC1/SC32 at its Sydney, 2008 Plenary meeting adopt a resolution:

*“In support of implementing JTC1 Resolution (Gold Coast, 2007) #22 “Promoting a better understanding of JTC1” requests JTC1 to permit JTC1/SC32 to make available on its website as publicly available information the following clauses for each of the JTC 1/SC32 standards, namely:*

*Clause 0 - Introduction*

*Clause 1 - Scope*

*Clause 2 - Normative References*

*Clause 3 -.Definitions*

*Clause 4 - Symbols and Abbreviations*

*as well as their title and abstract(s).*

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<sup>2</sup> Several CAC JTC1/SC32 experts recall that the then JTC1/SC32 Secretary, Doug Mann, developed a document which implemented this SC32 Santa Fe Resolution #25. Hopefully that document still exists and can be found.

*Having such JTC1/SC32 information publicly available has several benefits including:*

- 1. facilitating standards development work both within JTC1 and those outside of JTC1 standards. Having such information readily available assists in minimizing duplication work, identifying use of standards in other standards, and maximizing re-use of existing standards, (e.g. existing terms and definitions);*
  - 2. serving as a means for marketing JTC1 standards by providing information deemed to be essential for access and discovery of such standards by potential user; and,*
  - 3. promoting a better understanding of the committee's achievement.*
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## **Annex A JTC1/SC32 Santa Fe Plenary Resolutions (2000-01-28, N0456)**

### **Resolution 25: Facilitating Standards Development Work & Marketing ISO/IEC JTC1/SC32 Standards**

SC32 requests its JTC1 Secretariat to make publicly available on the ISO and ITTF Web sites the following clauses for each of the JTC 1/SC32 standards, namely:

- Clause 0.0 Introduction
- Clause 1.0 Scope
- Clause 2.0 Normative References
- Clause 3.0 Definitions, Notations and Conventions

Having such JTC1/SC32 information publicly available has several benefits including:

1. facilitating standards development work both within JTC1 and those outside of JTC1 standards. Having such information readily available assists in minimizing duplication work, identifying use of standards in other standards, and maximizing re-use of existing standards (e.g. existing terms and definitions).
2. serving as a means for marketing JTC1 standards by providing information deemed to be essential for access and discovery of such standards by potential users.

Further JTC 1/SC32 requests JTC 1 to consider

1. bringing forward this JTC1/SC32 resolution as one which JTC 1 should consider at its next Plenary as being applicable to all ISO/IEC JTC 1 standards; and,
2. following a one year test period for ISO/IEC JTC 1 standards, to consider this for general applicability to all ISO and IEC standards.

*Voted and Accepted*

*Unanimous*