USNC Perspectives and Positions in IEC – How are They Received and What Can be Done to Improve Their Acceptance

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Overview

- IEC Masterplan 2006
- SMB 2004 Priorities
- USNC Participation
- US Effectiveness
- Improvements
IEC MASTERPLAN 2006

- CB Task Force provided initial input
- Small Core Group of IEC ExCo plus H. Fletcher (US) will manage process
- Four Topics/Task Groups
  - Positioning
  - Quality and Efficiency
  - Services
  - Long Range/Finances
SMB 2004 PRIORITIES

- Improved efficiency at SMB operation and standards production
- Standardization strategy
- Emerging technologies
- Environmental standardization
- Cooperation with ISO, CENELEC and other Regional bodies
USNC PARTICIPATION

- IEC management groups
- Frequent meetings with IEC Officers
- Regional Groups COPANT, PASC and CANENA
- TC/SC Secretariats and Chairs
- Planning for the 2010 IEC GM in US
US EFFECTIVENESS

- Mixed; Better now than before but still controversial (EDRs, LFE)
- USNC votes affirmatively but very few IEC standards are used
- Lack of effective communication of USNC views with other NCs and “P” members
- Europe knows how to play the game
- Perception that US doesn’t practice what it preaches
IMPROVEMENTS

- Harmonize IEC standards with US for market access and global acceptance of CBTCs

- Implement ANSI “Guidelines” on voting

- Raise awareness and knowledge of US System – NSS

- Sponsor, where appropriate, additional IEC Secretariats and Chairs
IMPROVEMENTS, con’t

- Develop mechanisms for sharing standards concerns with others

- Provide basic training on standards and CA

- Improve outreach/collaboration with industry and other NCs

- Encourage IEC membership from the Americas and the Pacific Rim