



**ANSI POSITIONS
ISO GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS
SEPTEMBER 19 & 21, 2007
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

NOTE:

The ANSI delegation should use its best judgment and act consistent with existing and traditional ANSI positions in relation to any comments, proposed actions or resolutions at this meeting that are not reflected in the working documents. If any proposed actions or resolutions seem controversial or problematic, it should be requested that action on them be taken via correspondence, rather than at the meeting. This will allow time for the necessary consultations at the national level on these items.

ISO/GA AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	TITLE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ANSI POSITION
1	<p>Opening of the Assembly. 1.1 Address of the President. 1.2 Roll call of delegates.</p> <p>Executive summary The ISO President will make welcoming remarks to the participants to the ISO General Assembly. Following his speech, the roll call of delegates will take place.</p> <p>Recommended ANSI position: None, other than having the ANSI head of delegation signify our presence during the roll call of delegates.</p>
2	<p>Adoption of the agenda.</p> <p>Executive summary The ISO General Assembly will be asked to approve the agenda presented in ISO General Assembly document 03/2007 (Rev).</p> <p>Recommended ANSI position The ANSI delegation will support the adoption of the agenda as presented.</p>
3	<p>Tabling of the minutes of the 2006 ISO General Assembly.</p> <p>Executive summary A draft resolution is offered in the working documents to accept the minutes of the last ISO General Assembly meeting.</p> <p>Recommended ANSI position The ANSI delegation should support the adoption of the draft resolution offered in the working documents.</p>
4	<p>Report of the ISO Secretary-General. 4.1 General Report. 4.2 Regional Cooperation.</p> <p>Executive summary The working documents provide the secretariat's report, which ANSI staff views as non-</p>

	<p>controversial informational reports. ISO will also invite a series of regional organizations (including COPANT and PASC) in liaison with ISO to make brief reports on their work over the past year.</p> <p>Recommended ANSI position None, other than to accept the ISO Secretary-General's report.</p>
5	<p>ISO Relations with International Partners and Institutions.</p> <p>5.1 World Standards Cooperation (with IEC and ITU). 5.2 Cooperation with the UN and its Specialized Agencies. 5.3 Cooperation with WTO.</p> <p>Executive summary: Presentations will be made and information will be shared on the status of cooperative efforts with IEC, ITU, the UN and the WTO.</p> <p>Recommended ANSI position: As these are informational reports, no actions are necessary.</p>
6	<p>Management of technical work.</p> <p>6.1 Technical Management Board Initiatives in 2007. 6.2 Presentation of the Dr. Lawrence D. Eicher Leadership Award.</p> <p>Executive summary: This agenda item will feature an informational report and presentation that may be regarded as generally non-controversial in nature. Under item 6.2, the Eicher Award for 2006 will go to ISO/TC 184/SC 4 (Industrial automation systems and integration – Industrial data) which is an ISO committee secretariat held by ANSI and administered by the Data Interchange Standards Association. Mr. Howard Mason, the ISO/TC 184/SC 4 Chairman, will be present to accept the award on behalf of the committee.</p> <p>Recommended ANSI position ANSI delegation is authorized to determine at its September 18, 2007 meeting in Geneva any comments it wishes to make relative to this report.</p>
7	<p>ISO actions in support of developing countries.</p> <p>Executive summary: This agenda item will feature a series of informational reports and presentations that may be regarded as generally non-controversial in nature.</p> <p>Recommended ANSI position: ANSI delegation is authorized to determine at its September 18, 2007 meeting in Geneva any comments it wishes to make relative to this report.</p>
8	<p>The National Standards Body of the 21st Century: Expectations from an Industrialist.</p> <p>Executive summary: Under this agenda item, Mr. Jacques Schraven, Chairman of the Netherlands Standardisation Institute NEN, will express his views on the challenges to a national standards body as the 21st century begins, addressing questions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can and should standardization become part of business strategy • How to ensure the return on investment of resources allocated to standardization?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the system of national representation still viable and sustainable? • What can the formal standardization system learn from other ways of developing standards? • Could the standardization system benefit from being more standardized in its operation? <p>Recommended ANSI position: ANSI delegation is authorized to determine at its September 18, 2007 meeting in Geneva any comments it wishes to make relative to this report.</p>
9	<p>Highlights of ISO Council Actions in 2007.</p> <p>9.1 Implementation of the ISO Strategic Plan 2005-2010. 9.2 ISO's policy for organizations in liaison with technical committees. 9.3 Energy efficiency and renewable energy sources: How International Standards can help. 9.4 Business plan and budget for 2008 and medium-term financial perspectives for the ISO Central Secretariat – Report of the ISO Treasurer.</p> <p>Executive summary: This agenda item will feature a series of informational reports and presentations.</p> <p>Recommended ANSI position: ANSI delegation is authorized to determine at its September 18, 2007 meeting in Geneva any comments it wishes to make relative to this report.</p>
10	<p>ISO and Education.</p> <p>10.1 International Standardization in support of education. 10.2 Presentation of the 2007 ISO Award for higher education in standardization.</p> <p>Executive summary: The ISO Secretary-General will make a report on the efforts of ISO in support of standards-related education, and the first ISO award for higher education will be presented.</p> <p>Recommended ANSI position: ANSI delegation is authorized to determine at its September 18, 2007 meeting in Geneva any comments it wishes to make relative to this report.</p>
11	<p>2007 ISO General Assembly Open Session on International Standards and Public Policies.</p> <p>Executive summary: On Thursday, September 20, 2007 an open session will be held in conjunction with the ISO General Assembly on the subject of "International Standards and Public Policies". The intent of this open session is to show how the ISO system fits into the world scene and contributes to reconcile trade, sustainable development and good public governance. Please note that this subject is consistent with key strategic objective 5 of ISO Strategic Plan 2005-2010, which reads "Promoting the use of voluntary standards as an alternative or a support to technical regulations".</p> <p>The open session is organized around two panels, dealing with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "International Standards in support of policies for sustainable development", covering the contribution of standards to the three components of sustainable development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • economic growth, through facilitation of trade, dissemination of new technologies good business practices or raising the capacity and quality infrastructure of

	<p>developing countries;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • environmental integrity through standards on environmental management, energy efficiency, rational use of natural resources or the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; • social equity, through consumer and worker protection and better information, security and social responsibility. <p>2. “International Standards for public safety and security policies”, covering aspects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • safety of consumer products; • safety and security in transportation and in the supply chain; • healthcare and food safety; • homeland security; • prevention of and response to natural disasters. <p>Recommended ANSI position: The following points were agreed by the AIC to be raised at the Open Session or under this agenda item at the ISO GA as appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO should clearly delineate what it means by “public policy” and the subjects that may fall under this heading. • How will ISO work in an effective coordinated manner with international intergovernmental organizations to ensure ISO is not moving into their areas of work without their support and cooperation? The intent of ISO Key Strategic Objective 4 should be broader than effective cooperation with IEC, ITU and external SDOs; it should also include the IGOs. • Standards have a role to support and amplify regulations, but they will never replace regulations. • If ISO is to move into new areas of public policy standardization, the ISO/TMB must first address the question of what are the appropriate ISO structures and development procedures to address the unique dynamics of these standards. • As ISO moves into more standards related to public policy, the situation for ISO will become increasingly political, and ISO can expect greater interactions with and interventions from activist organizations. Is ISO well positioned for these changing dynamics?
12	<p>Election of ISO Council Members for the 2008-2009 Term.</p> <p>Executive summary: The following member bodies have been nominated to fill five Group 2 seats on the ISO Council for the 2008-2009 term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABNT (Brazil) • AENOR (Spain) • BIS (India) • NEN (Netherlands) • SA (Australia) • SAC (China) <p>ANSI nominated ABNT, BIS, NEN, SA and SAC for election.</p> <p>The following member bodies have been nominated to fill one Group 3 seat on the ISO Council for the 2008-2009 term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KEBS (Kenya) • SII (Israel) <p>ANSI nominated SII for election.</p>

	<p>The following member bodies have been nominated to fill one Group 4 seat on the ISO Council for the 2008-2009 term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INNORPI (Tunisia) • TCVN (Viet Nam) <p>ANSI nominated TCVN for election.</p> <p>Recommended AIC action: ANSI will support the ANSI nominated candidates in all three groups.</p>
13	<p>Appointment of the Vice-Presidents for the 2008-2009 Term.</p> <p>13.1 Vice-President (Policy) 13.2 Vice-President (Technical Management)</p> <p>Executive summary: The term of office of the current ISO Vice-President (Policy), Dr. George Arnold, expires on 31 December 2007. Dr. Arnold is completing his first term and, therefore, in accordance with clause 7.1.1 of the Rules of Procedure, is eligible for a second term. The ISO nominating committee has decided to propose to the ISO General Assembly the appointment of Dr. George Arnold (USA) as Vice-President (Policy) for a second term.</p> <p>The current term of office of the ISO Vice-President (Technical Management), Mrs. Ziva Patir (Israel), expires on 31 December 2007. In accordance with clause 7.1.1 of the Rules of Procedure, Mrs. Patir is not eligible for re-appointment for another term of office. The ISO nomination committee has decided to propose to the ISO General Assembly the appointment of Mr. Jacob Holmblad as Vice-President (Technical Management) for a two-year term of office (1 January 2007 - 31 December 2008).</p> <p>Recommended ANSI position: ANSI will support the appointment of Dr. Arnold and Mr. Holmblad.</p>
14	<p>Election of the ISO President.</p> <p>Executive summary: The term of office of the incumbent President, Mr. Håkan Murby, will finish on 31 December 2008. According to the current Statutes and Rules of Procedure the term of office of the President consists of one year as President-elect (which coincides with the last year of the incumbent President), followed by two years as President (clause 6.1 of the Rules of Procedure). The term of the future President should therefore start as President-elect on 1 January 2008. In March 2007, the ISO member bodies were invited to submit nominations for the office of President for the 2009-2010 term, serving therefore as President-elect during 2008. The ISO Secretary-General informed the ISO member bodies that one nomination has been received: that of Dr. Alan Morrison (Australia).</p> <p>Recommended AIC action: ANSI will support the election of Dr. Alan Morrison as the ISO President-Elect for 2008 and the ISO President for 2009-2010.</p>
15	<p>Any other business.</p> <p>Executive summary No other items of business are expected at this time.</p>

	<p>Recommended ANSI position Please see the note at the beginning of this document.</p>
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