CHARTER OF THE TECHNOLOGY CONSORTIUM COUNCIL

Historically, standards development consortia, alliances and forums ("Consortia") have been lightly resourced organizations that may not closely follow policy matters. In recent years, however, the standards development landscape has become increasingly politicized, and export controls imposed by the United States and other jurisdictions have complicated the operations of standards developers. This trend is expected to continue for the indefinite future. In order for Consortia to more effectively react to these challenges, a mechanism is needed to allow Consortia and traditional standards development organizations ("SDOs") to exchange information and collaborate with each other to secure a safe space for standardization activities and enable innovation globally. One mechanism to do so would be to create a venue where Consortia can meet to receive relevant information, trade insights and views, share best practices, interact with traditional SDOs, and where appropriate, identify opportunities for action.

Purpose: The purpose of the Technology Consortium Council (TCC) is to:

(a) Provide a forum for discussion and networking among senior managers of leading Consortia
(b) Provide a mechanism for Consortia representatives to meet and exchange views with ANSI and SDO representatives regarding timely matters of common concern;
(c) Identify issues of common interest regarding evolving U.S., EU, China and other governmental policies that may impact technical standards developers and/or their members; and
(d) Identify possible opportunities for action.

Constituency: Any non-profit, collaborative membership organization that develops and/or promotes standards or best practices in standards development is eligible to be represented on the TCC.

Participation: Participation in the TCC is initially by invitation. Going forward, the TCC will determine its membership and membership structure.

Observers: The TCC will have observers, as appropriate (including ANSI staff), to assist it in its establishment and operations.

Activities: The primary activities of the TCC will be to hold two, two-hour on-line meetings a year. Meetings will be held under the Chatham House Rule. The TCC may form committees of volunteers that may meet more frequently to discuss matters of interest and/or develop recommendations back to the TCC and may evolve in such a way as to undertake additional activities.

Host: ANSI will identify a staff liaison to the TCC and act as the host of the TCC, maintaining the membership list and convening and hosting meetings.

Cost: There is no cost to participate in the TCC.

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