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LIST OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AT ITS 73rd MEETING, GENEVA, 13-14 MARCH 2003

Council Resolution 02/2003

Council,

referring to the creation of a "Lawrence D. Eicher leadership award for excellence in creative and innovative ISO/TC/SC services and initiatives", under its Resolution 22/2002,

having considered the TMB recommendation concerning the details for the presentation of this award, including frequency and selection criteria,

decides that:

- a) the award be given to ISO technical committees and sub-committees for outstanding performance and innovative and efficient approaches in the management of committee work;
- b) the award contribute to the dissemination of practices of excellence to other committees;
- c) the award be presented in principle once every year by the President during the ISO General Assembly to the chair and/or secretary of the selected ISO technical committee or sub-committee or, in the absence of the chair and secretary, a representative of the member body in charge of the committee secretariat; and be followed up by extensive publicity actions;
- d) candidate committees be nominated by the Technical Programme Managers at the Central Secretariat, on the basis of proposals coming from any relevant sources, and be subject to a selection, according to published criteria, and confirmation by the TMB.

Council Resolution 03/2003

Council

endorses the report of the Council Task Force on Developing Countries (DCTF) contained in Annex 2 to Council 09/2003, ably introduced by Dr. Lee, Chairman of DCTF,

entrusts the Secretary-General with furthering the implementation of the "existing" items in the programme of action as well as securing the implementation of the "new" items scheduled for completion by the end of 2003,

decides to set up an ad hoc group, under the chairmanship of the ISO President, composed of Mr. Lars Flink, Dr. Lee Eun Ho, Mrs. Maureen Mutasa and

Mr. Rob Steele and assisted by the Secretary-General, entrusted to study the projects listed under items 3.5.1, 3.5.2 and 3.5.3 in regard to ISO governance aspects, including reviewing the elements of the ISO Programme for Developing Countries (DEVPRO),

asks that the ad hoc group submit its recommendations to Council at its September 2003 meeting,

further asks that a progress report on the implementation of General Assembly Resolution 06/2002 regarding the outcome of the 24 September 2002 workshop on *Participation of Developing Countries in international standardization* be submitted to the General Assembly in September 2003,

decides that any element involving long-range strategic issues should be addressed within ISO Strategy,

thanks the Chairman and members of the DCTF for the very constructive and efficient way in which they have completed their task in such a short time, and

decides to disband the task force.

Council Resolution 04/2003

Council

thanks the DEVCO Chair, Mrs. Maureen Mutasa, for her interesting report on the DEVCO activities,

looks forward to her constructive contributions to the special ad hoc group set up under Council Resolution 03/2003 to follow up the programme of action proposed by the Council task force on developing countries (DCTF) and endorsed by Council,

asks the Secretary-General to look into possibilities to encourage ISO members to contribute to the funds-in-trust.

Council Resolution 05/2003

Council

thanks and congratulates the Secretary-General for his reflective thinking on the revision and implementation of ISO's strategy and his consequential proposals,

takes the following decisions on the method and timetable for the updating of ISO's strategy and its implementation as of 2005:

- the period covered by ISO strategy is to be extended to cover five years and the title of the document should include the word "standards";

- between May and October 2003, the Secretary-General will organize a consultation of the ISO members to collect suggestions and expectations regarding ISO's strategy and, in parallel, will organize targeted consultations with ISO's major partners;
- a first draft of ISO's strategy will be submitted by the Secretary-General to the CSC/STRAT in December 2003 for discussion at a one-day CSC/STRAT meeting to be held in January 2004;
- a revised draft will be circulated to Council in January 2004 immediately after the CSC/STRAT meeting;
- Council's first meeting in 2004 will be held from 17 to 19 March to enable Council to devote a special one-day meeting, in conjunction with its regular meeting, to finalize the strategic orientations;
- a final draft will subsequently be submitted to Council for confirmation by correspondence before being formally submitted to the General Assembly in September 2004 for approval;
- as far as implementation is concerned, yearly action plans will be prepared early enough to allow sufficient time for consultations with the CSC/STRAT and, regarding budget aspects, with the CSC/FIN,

asks the Secretary-General to take into account in the development of the proposed strategy the issues stemming from the implementation of the DCTF report regarding developing countries and CSC/FIN's reflections relating to mid-term financing of the ISO System,

further asks the Secretary-General, in connection with the updating of ISO's strategy, to formally consult organizations such as BIPM, IAF, ILAC, OIML, etc., which are "intermediate" users of standards, to seek ways to optimizing ISO's collaboration with them.

Council Resolution 06/2003

Council

welcomes the outcome of the second meeting of the World Standards Cooperation, which demonstrates the good spirit of collaboration prevailing between IEC, ISO and ITU-T,

recognizing the importance of gaining a better understanding of the needs of the stakeholders for developing cooperative work between the three organizations,

endorses the plan to hold a first strategic sectorial workshop on standardization in the field of health care and medical devices towards the end of 2003, and

notes the proposed initiatives in the area of training and education, and

regarding the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), urges the ISO members to closely follow the WSIS preparation process at national level and to collaborate with their relevant national authorities with a view to obtaining that the benefits of International Standards be recognized in the final Declaration and Action Plan of the December 2003 WSIS.

Council Resolution 07/2003

Council

notes the recommendations of the TMB on the question of corporate social responsibility and

thanks the TMB and its Advisory Group for its constructive and prompt work.

Council Resolution 08/2003

Council,

confirming that, as a matter of principle, ISO does not authorize the use of its trademarks, except in some very specific cases,

endorses the "Conditions and procedures for granting authorization to use the ISO trademark" as set out in Annex 1 to Council 12/2003 subject to changing 2.6 to 2.8 in paragraph 3.1 and to adding "for a defined period" after the word "granted" in the first line of item 3.3, and

asks the Secretary-General to ensure that those conditions and procedures are followed when very specific cases requiring an exception arise.

Council Resolution 09/2003

Council,

commends JTC 1 for the work it has achieved so far and encourages the committee in its future activities,

expresses its appreciation to JTC1 for the diligence with which it has followed the recommendations of the ISO and IEC CEOs, approved by the ISO Council and IEC Council Board, regarding the strategic review of the committee,

asks JTC1 to report regularly to the Technical Management Board on its future activities.

Council Resolution 10/2003

Council, regarding the acknowledgement of source documents in the foreword of International Standards,

notes the reminder by the TMB that Part 2 of the ISO/IEC Directives already makes provision in Clause 6.2.2 to list in a bibliography any documents which have served as bibliographic or background material in the preparation of an International Standard

noting, however, that various practices exist for implementing this clause and for referring to sources and collaborative work in ISO Standards, asks the TMB to review these practices in the light of examples to be solicited from ISO members,

further notes that the ISO legal adviser has confirmed that such bibliographic reference does not diminish ISO's intellectual property rights on the corresponding ISO standards or publications.

Council Resolution 11/2003

Council, in accordance with Clause 3.1.1 of the *ISO Rules of Procedure*,

having reviewed the criteria currently applied for the appointment/election of member bodies to Council,

confirms that these criteria should continue to be the following:

- number of payable units (60% weight)
- number of TC and SC secretariats (20% weight)
- number of P-memberships (20% weight),

thereby confirming that the criteria to be used in ranking member bodies for eligibility to Council membership should reflect the relative size of the economies of member body countries and the degree of member involvement in ISO's technical work, both quantitatively and qualitatively,

asks the Secretary-General to submit this Council decision to the General Assembly for endorsement.

Council Resolution 12/2003

Council, in accordance with Clause 4.1 of the *ISO Rules of Procedure*,

having reviewed the criteria currently applied for the appointment/election of member bodies to the Technical Management Board,

confirms that these criteria should continue to be the following:

- number of TC and SC secretariats held (50% weight), but not counting inactive (standby) TC/SCs
- number of P-memberships in TCs and SCs (25% weight), on the understanding that Clause 1.7.5 of the *ISO/IEC Directives* relating to the obligations of P-members are strictly applied
- number of paid units (25% weight),

thereby confirming that the criteria to be used for ranking member bodies for eligibility to TMB membership should reflect the degree of member body involvement in ISO's technical work and should take into account the members' actual financial contribution to ISO as a whole.

Council Resolution 13/2003

Council

notes with satisfaction the progress report on the preparations for the 2003 General Assembly in Buenos Aires in September,

thanks IRAM for the considerable effort they have put so far into organizing and preparing the event, to which Council looks forward.

Council Resolution 14/2003

Council

thanks the CSC/STRAT Chairman for his comprehensive report, and

takes the following decisions:

- noting that the pilot projects with US standards development organizations (US SDOs) have been going on for some time, asks the Secretary-General to assess the results of this experience, with the assistance of the TMB, *inter alia* by seeking input from the US SDOs through ANSI on their experience and information from IEC on the similar experience they have with US SDOs,
- asks the Secretary-General to seek interested partners ready to provide resources additional to those allocated in the ISO Central Secretariat's budget for supporting the e-Learning project, taking into consideration the outcome of the feasibility study,
- noting that the question of ethics is currently being addressed by several bodies within ISO, decides to re-direct all issues related to ethics to the CSC/STRAT, which is asked to draw up recommendations on how to deal with such issues within ISO to be presented at the next Council meeting, and

that other bodies freeze their activities on the subject until Council has given guidelines and defined priorities,

- approves the draft ISO Strategic Agenda 2004 as submitted at Annex 1 to Council 19/2003.

Council Resolution 15/2003

Council,

notes with appreciation the report of CASCO contained in document Council 21/2003,

regarding the issue of credibility of certification bodies and credibility of suppliers providing declarations of conformity referred to in item 1.1 of the report, confirms that CSC/STRAT will first propose to Council a framework and priorities for dealing with the issue of ethics, before determining the need and nature of further CASCO work and initiatives,

underlines that initiatives for developing sector-specific conformity assessment provisions should come from the sectors themselves and not from CASCO,

encourages the ISO members to draw the attention of their countries' TBT officials to ISO/IEC Guide 68 *Arrangements for the recognition and acceptance of conformity assessment results*, emphasizing that this is a significant publication in terms of ISO's delivering documents that can assist in the world trade context, and recalling that the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade mentions the need to use both international standards and internationally recognized conformity assessment practices,

asks the Secretary-General to promote ISO documents relating to conformity assessment, in particular ISO/IEC Guide 68, within international fora, e.g. the WTO/TBT Committee.

Council Resolution 16/2003

Council notes with appreciation the report of COPOLCO contained in document Council 22/2003,

welcomes the current undertakings of COPOLCO in relation to strategies and asks COPOLCO that they be part of the exercise for updating ISO strategy,

congratulates COPOLCO on its numerous initiatives in the framework of its role as ISO's channel for promoting the benefits of standardization among consumers worldwide, including in particular its efforts to encourage the participation of consumers from developing countries in standardization work.

Council Resolution 17/2003

Council,

approves the balance sheet and profit and loss accounts for the year 2002, as presented in the report of the auditors, attached at Annex 2 to Council document 25/2003,

decides to finance the difference of kCHF 858 between revenue and expenditure in 2002, due essentially to the payment of an unexpected VAT adjustment, by drawing from the General Fund which will then cover 3,7 months of current operations in 2003, i.e. slightly below the target of four months,

further decides to approve the actions set out under a) to e) in section 2 of Council document 25/2003 in closing the 2002 books of the Central Secretariat,

thanks the Treasurer for his excellent report and his wise advice.

Council Resolution 18/2003

Council,

noting that information available at the closure of the 2002 books calls for an adjustment in the 2003 Central Secretariat budget as approved under Resolution 17/2002, mainly to revise the forecast revenue from invoiced sales and services,

approves the adjustments set out in items 2.1 *Adjusted expenditure items* and 2.2 *Adjustment of revenue forecasts* of Council document 26/2003, i.e. a revised 2003 Central Secretariat budget with a total expenditure of kCHF 28 880 (a decrease of kCHF 405) and a total revenue of kCHF 28 005 (a decrease of kCHF 405).

Council Resolution 19/2003

Council, regarding the Central Secretariat budget proposals for 2004,

decides:

- a) to set the monetary value of the subscription unit for 2004 at CHF 5 776, i.e. an increase of 2% compared to the 2003 unit;
- b) to increase the rate of royalties for 2004 to be paid by the members to the ISO Central Secretariat on reproduction or electronic versions of ISO standards from 26,5% to 30%;

- c) to adopt the Central Secretariat budget for 2004 as set out in Table 4 of Council document 27/2003,

noting that the functions and resources of the ISO Central Secretariat will be reviewed in the framework of the ISO strategy update exercise.

Council Resolution 20/2003

Council

confirms the usefulness of mid-term financing plans as management tools and

notes with appreciation the mid-term financing plan 2003-2005 submitted in Council document 28/2003.