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Comment of the Netherlands NB on JTC1 N7025 (SC2 N3679)

We appreciate the initiative of organizing a meeting on cooperation and coordination with respect to JTC1 projects related to cultural and linguistic matters.

We would like to point out, however, that there are projects in the same field that are worked on both inside and outside JTC1, which would benefit from better cooperation and coordination.

To name only one topic, we may call to your attention that of "alphabetic ordering". The following ISO standards have been developed:

JTC1/SC22:

ISO/IEC 14651

Information Technology - International string ordering and comparison - Method for comparing character strings and description of the common template tailorable ordering

TC37:

ISO 12199

Terminology - Alphabetic ordering of multilingual terminological and lexicographical data represented in the Latin alphabet

TC46:

ISO 7154

Documentation - Bibliographic filing principles

ISO TR 8393

Documentation - ISO bibliographic filing rules (International Standard Bibliographic Filing Rules) - Exemplification of bibliographic filing principles in a model set of rules

Notwithstanding differences in title these standards cover to a large extent the same subject. We have been faced to considerable confusion when attempts were made here to develop a national standard on alphabetic ordering.

We understand that the scope of the planned meeting is restricted to JTC1 activities only. Nevertheless we hope that delegates will find a way to address issues, common to JTC1 and other ISO or IEC TCs in a given field.