Resolutions adopted by the Technical Management Board at its 22nd meeting in Geneva on 5-6 June 2001

Technical Management Board resolution 34/2001

Guide on management system standards (Guide 72)

The Technical Management Board,

<u>thanks</u> the ad hoc group (AHG) for the submission of the *Guidelines for the justification and development of management system standards (Guide 72)*,

<u>decides</u> that the guide be progressed to publication and that a second technical enquiry amongst the ISO member bodies, as proposed by the SIG, is not needed,

<u>considers</u>, however, that the approval criteria for proposals on management system standards should not deviate from those of other proposals,

<u>notes</u> that the guide shall be applied for proposals for the establishment of new technical committees, as well as new work item proposals inside existing committees, for new management system standards and standards including management system components,

<u>requests</u> that all such proposals be submitted to the TMB for review prior to distribution for vote,

<u>further decides</u> that the TMB will evaluate the results of voting on proposed new technical committee (TS/Ps), and new work item proposals (NPs) voted at TC level, prior to their acceptance, and that the results of votes on NPs at the SC level be evaluated at the TC level, but the results also be made available to the TMB for consideration,

<u>disbands</u> the AHG and thanks it for its work.

Technical Management Board resolution 35/2001

Ad hoc group on Climate Change

The Technical Management Board,

<u>thanks</u> the ad hoc group on Climate Change (AHGCC) for the work done so far, especially in relation to drawing the attention of governments and other parties to the Conference of Parties (COP) under the Kyoto Protocol to the role ISO can play in the implementation of measures to combat climate change,

<u>noting</u> that the COP7 meeting will be held in October/November 2001 and is expected to clarify the policy of governments in relation to climate change,

<u>approves</u> the request from the AHGCC to stay in existence until end-February 2002,

agrees to the request from IRAM (Argentina) and INTECO (Costa Rica) to appoint experts as members of the group, and

requests that the group prepare a final report for the April 2002 TMB meeting which shall include the following issues with a view to enabling the TMB to decide on a course of action for ISO in this field:

- To restablish and maintain an inventory of ISO standards relevant to climate change.
- To report and provide strategic advice to the TMB.
- To identify the potential application/adaptation of existing ISO standards to the implementation of the UNFCCC and any underlying legal and policy instruments (e.g. the Kyoto Protocol).
- To consider the need for any new work items within ISO which may facilitate the implementation of the UNFCCC and any underlying legal and policy instruments (e.g. the Kyoto Protocol).

Technical Management Board resolution 36/2001

Participation of developing countries

The Technical Management Board,

welcomes the report from the TMB Task Force *Increasing participation of developing countries in ISO work*,

notes that some of the issues and recommendations contained in the report overlap with activities undertaken in ISO's developing country programme (DEVPRO),

recognizes that the developing country committee (DEVCO) is ISO's main body to deal with developing country issues,

decides that the TMB's initiatives should be focussed on procedural issues related to the technical work, including facilitating active participation of developing countries in ISO/TC/SC/WG technical work, as well as increasing the number of TC/SC secretariats held by developing countries and twinning arrangements in holding committee secretariats and chairmanships,

decides to give the Task Force permanent status in order to monitor and develop proposals for TMB initiatives related to developing countries,

and notes that the first initiatives of the Task Force will be to conduct a survey in collaboration with DEVCO to determine the needs of standards organizations in developing countries and to consider options for establishing a permanent liaison mechanism between DEVCO and the TMB.

Technical Management Board resolution 37/2001

Establishment of ISO/TC 223 *Civil defence*

The Technical Management Board,

noting the level of support from the ISO member bodies for the establishment of ISO/TC 223 *Civil defence* (secretariat GOST R),

further noting the concerns expressed about the wide scope of the proposed new TC and the fact that in many countries civil defense is covered by regulations,

requests GOST R to clarify the scope in line with its letter dated 30 May 2001 to the Central Secretariat for endorsement by the TMB by correspondence and for review at the first meeting of the committee prior to the commencement of any standards development work,

decides to establish ISO/TC 223 on a provisional basis in accordance with the modified procedure for the establishment of new technical committees approved in TMB resolution 43/2001

and notes that a business plan is expected from ISO/TC 223 by the latest in December 2002 for review by the TMB as a precondition for the formal establishment of the TC.

Technical Management Board resolution 38/2001

TS/P 193 Rare-earths

The Technical Management Board,

notes that the proposal for the establishment of a new technical committee on *Rare-earths* as submitted by CSBTS (China) has failed to meet the necessary support from the ISO member bodies owing to an insufficient number of member bodies willing to participate in such a technical committee.

Technical Management Board resolution 39/2001

Re-allocation of the secretariat of ISO/TC 112

The Technical Management Board,

thanks DIN (Germany) for its offer to assume the secretariat of ISO/TC 112 *Vacuum technology* and allocates the secretariat to DIN.

Technical Management Board resolution 40/2001

TC Business Plans

The Technical Management Board,

noting that only ISO/TC 123 *Plain bearings* (secretariat GOST R) has failed to submit a business plan (BP) or to respond to the request from the TMB for the submission of business plans,

decides that the secretariat of this committee shall be requested to submit a draft BP to the TMB Secretariat by 15 July 2001, and that the secretariat shall be announced for re-allocation amongst the ISO member bodies if this deadline is missed,

approves the extended deadlines as indicated in the table attached at ANNEX 3 to TMB 33/2001, including the deadlines requested by SABS (South Africa) for ISO/TC 132 *Ferroalloys* and ISO/TC 175 *Fluorspar* (both 31 December 2001),

notes that a number of TCs have failed to provide a draft BP within the extended deadlines already approved by the TMB,

instructs the Central Secretariat to contact the secretariats of these committees with a view to requesting the submission of the BPs by 15 July 2001, failing which the secretariat will be announced for re-allocation,

noting that the secretariat of ISO/TC 167 *Steel and aluminium structures* (secretariat held by NSF - Norway) has only submitted a preliminary version of a BP, requests the secretariat of ISO/TC 167 to submit its draft business plan by not later than 31 December 2001.

Technical Management Board resolution 41/2001

Stand-by of technical committees

The Technical Management Board,

decides to place the following technical committees in stand-by:

ISO/TC 82 *Mining*
ISO/TC 179 *Masonry*

and notes that ISO/TC 208 *Thermal turbines for industrial application (steam turbines, gas expansion turbines)* will be placed in stand-by from the beginning of 2002 following finalization of its work.

Technical Management Board resolution 42/2001

Disbandment of ISO/TC 65

The Technical Management Board,

notes that no support exists for the work of ISO/TC 65 *Manganese and chromium ores*,

decides to disband this committee and to assign the responsibility for the maintenance of its standards to the ISO Central Secretariat.

Technical Management Board resolution 43/2001

Modified procedure for the establishment of technical committees

The Technical Management Board,

approves the following modified procedure for the establishment of technical committees:

If the necessary support for its establishment has been achieved during the member body consultation, a new technical committee shall be established by the TMB on a provisional basis. The secretariat of the new TC shall be required, in collaboration with the committee members, to develop a draft business plan for review by the TMB within a maximum of 18

months. After approval of the draft business plan by the TMB the committee shall be established formally. Should a committee fail to prepare a business plan, the TMB will review the justification for the committee and decide on an appropriate course of action. Committees established provisionally are authorized to initiate standards development in parallel with the elaboration of the business plan.

Technical Management Board resolution 44/2001

Introduction of the electronic balloting application

The Technical Management Board,

noting that additional efforts have to be taken to ensure that all committees submit PDF-files together with revisable files prepared with an ISO template for submission of DIS and FDIS,

instructs all secretariats to submit PDF files together with files prepared with the template, and authorizes the ISO Central Secretariat to refuse files not in the correct formats,

stresses the importance of the development of a training programme for less developed ISO member bodies by the Central Secretariat and

notes that some of the ISO members in the TMB will be invited to support this training programme actively through trainers travelling to member bodies needing technical and/or organizational support.

Technical Management Board resolution 45/2001

DIS and FDIS commenting template

The Technical Management Board,

noting the importance of using the template developed by the Central Secretariat for the submission of comments on DIS and FDIS in the electronic balloting application in order to support the work of committee secretariats and to automate the collation and sorting of comments,

requires all member bodies to use this commenting template when submitting their comments in the framework of the electronic balloting application,

requests the Central Secretariat to return comment files if the template has not been used, for re-submission in the correct format within the voting period,

and authorizes the Central Secretariat to reject votes and comments, if by the end of the voting period on a DIS/FDIS, these requirements are not met.

Technical Management Board resolution 46/2001

ISO/IEC Directives and ISO Supplement

The Technical Management Board,

approves the publication of the new edition of the ISO/IEC Directives and the ISO Supplement pending inclusion of minor modifications proposed during the TMB consultation,

and <u>notes</u> that the Central Secretariat will provide electronic versions combining the information in the Directives with that in the ISO Supplement to be made available on ISO's Standards Developer's Information Site (SDIS).

Technical Management Board resolution 47/2001

Inclusion of a statement on Patent rights in drafts of ISO Standards

The Technical Management Board,

<u>approves</u> the proposal to include a statement as proposed by the ISO Central Secretariat, on patent rights in all drafts of ISO technical publications and substitute the word "document" for "International Standard".

Technical Management Board resolution 48/2001

Cooperation agreements between ISO and IEC committees

The Technical Management Board <u>endorses</u> the following cooperation agreements between ISO and IEC committees:

- cooperation agreement between ISO/TC 172/SC 9 and IEC SC 47E (see ANNEX 1 to TMB working document 39/2001),

- cooperation agreement between ISO/TC 197 and IEC TC 105 (see ANNEX 2 to TMB working document 39/2001),

- cooperation agreement between ISO/TC 22/SC 21 and IEC TC 105 (see ANNEX 3 to TMB working document 39/2001).

Technical Management Board resolution 49/2001

New designation for Industry Technical Agreements (ITAs) in ISO

The Technical Management Board,

<u>noting</u> that the IEC Council Board considers IEC/ITAs and ISO/ITAs to be very different products, and thereby that harmonization between ISO and IEC with regard to such documents to be not feasible,

<u>confirms</u> its previous decision to rename this deliverable "International Workshop Agreement" (IWA) in ISO in the light of the wide range of stakeholders in ISO, which are not limited to industry only.

Technical Management Board resolution 50/2001

ISO/TAG 8 resolutions 2001

The Technical Management Board,

<u>endorses</u> ISO/TAG 8 resolutions 1/2001 and 2/2001,

but rejects resolution 3/2001

and considers it not appropriate to establish a new ISO/TC for purely coordinative purposes in the building sector,

invites TAG 8 to organize special meetings with representatives of the committees concerned, when discussions are required to assure coordination between the committees.

Technical Management Board resolution 51/2001

ISO/TC 2O standards adoption process

The Technical Management Board,

having noted the request from ISO/TC 20 *Aircraft and space vehicles* for double prefixing of ISO standards in the aerospace field,

recalling that the issue of double prefixing has been discussed on many occasions within Council and the TMB,

decides that the dual-line numbering format is the preferred solution in such cases, e.g.

> ISO 1234
> SAE 5678

Technical Management Board resolution 52/2001

COPOLCO

The Technical Management Board,

noting the proposal from COPOLCO concerning the development of *Standards for global market -- market-based codes of conduct*,

invites COPOLCO to provide additional clarification on the scope of this proposal for review by the TMB,

and considers that the organization of an international workshop resulting in the development of an International Workshop Agreement (IWA) may be the appropriate organizational structure for addressing this subject, once the scope is approved by the TMB.