

**CEFACT**

**Proposal of a UN/CEFACT Resolution  
for  
an integrated cooperation within EWG  
of other CEFACT Technical Groups**

Source: French Delegation

Status:

Action: For consideration during the March 1998 CEFACT meeting, agenda item 3.

The setting up of several empowered CEFACT technical groups (CTGs) encompasses a real danger : separate and possibly contradictory visions and programs of work, with the obligation for the CSG to intervene permanently asking a Technical Group to take into account the findings of an other one.

Even before the setting up of all CTGs, we are already faced to such a regrattable situation as shown in Annex.

The CEFACT deliverables are first: UN/EDIFACT products which are in usage worldwide in both private and public sectors, and, second recommandations of other types which are not, unfortunately, implemented by governments. The aim should be to reinforce, UN/EDIFACT, the main CEFACT deliverables rather to let its dismantling appen between:

- EWG (UN/EDIFACT Working Group) with 200/300 experts gathered twice a year;
- TMWG (Techniques & Methodologies Working Group) with 11 experts attending its kick off meeting;
- BAWG (Business Analysis Working Group) with possibly 20 experts as a maximum;
- CDWG (Codes Working Group) with possibly 10 experts as a maximum.

To be able to induce and foster the UN/EDIFACT usage within the Internet world, electronic commerce and the Information Age, the EWG should be the focal point for coordination between the above CTGs involved in the EWG scope, instead of being forced to move towards a direction which has not been explained clearly yet.

At least, in order to avoid permanent resolutions such the one shown in Annex, the following resolution should be adopted , not only by the CSG, but by the CEFACT plenary.

**UN/CEFACT resolution to be considered during the March 1998 CEFACT meeting**

The UN/CEFACT Plenary states that the coordination of its Technical groups is essential for the maintenance and progress of UN/EDIFACT and asks:

- 1/ EWG to welcome a representative of Technical Groups mentioned below (2/):
  - as full members of its Steering Committee;
  - and/or as technical advisors in its executive Bureau.
- 2/ TMWG, BAWG and CDWG to participate in EWG meetings:
  - by nominating a representative for participation in the EWG groups of decision;
  - by convening, during each meeting of the EWG, a meeting of their Group, at least of one day, at the most convenient date in order to trigger cross-fertilization.

<b>Annex</b>
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Resolution which has been adopted by the CSG in 1997

Resolution CSG/1997/1

**RESOLUTION ON THE USE OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION  
MODELLING**

The UN/CEFACT Steering Group (CSG) resolves that business and information modelling is an essential requirement to the future of UN/EDIFACT and that the implementation of business and information modelling is a critical objective of the CEFACT strategy and its attendant work programme. Accordingly, the CSG further resolves that all new United Nations Standard Messages (UNSMs) submitted as a Message in Development (MiD) shall utilise modelling as a condition of submission and approval commencing at a date to be jointly agreed by the CSG and the UN/EDIFACT Working Group (EWG).

In support of this resolution, the CSG requests that the EWG, after considering an analysis and impact study provided by the Techniques & Methodologies Working Group (TMWG), submit their comments, and in consultation with TMWG, a proposed target commencement date to the CSG not later than 1 June 1998.

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