INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION AFFECTING TRADE INTERCHANGE

Standards Liaison Rapporteur’s Executive Summary
Introduction

1. Since the March 1996 session of WP.4/GE.1 the Standards Liaison Rapporteur attended three ISO meetings. The detailed reports are in R.1230.

ISO/IEC JTC1/SC30/WG1 (Scenario Definition), Rotterdam, 25-27 March 1996

2. The SC30 (Open-EDI) work group responsible in producing the formal specification for Scenarios met for the first time in Rotterdam.

3. Since this was the first meeting it was used to organize the future work by creating a frame work base document and an issues list.

4. One important outcome of the meeting was the acceptance that Object Oriented Technology is a possible approach to implement Open-EDI scenarios. This approach is in line with the research done in GE.1’s Ad-hoc Group (AC.1).

ISO/IEC JTC1/SC30 (Open-EDI), Rotterdam, 27-29 March 1996

5. The meeting served to address the outstanding comments received on CD ballot of the Open-EDI Reference model.

6. In Summary, SC30 agreed to add the IAeG matrix in order to identify the areas of Standardization and appropriate organizations maintaining those areas. This is in line with the UN/EDIFACT comments, which pointed out that the balloted version did not identify the areas of Standardization and could therefore not be used as part of any MoU.

7. As much as that is a welcome change to the new document, the relevant parts are only “informative” and not “normative”. The Standards Liaison Team (SLT) will take that into account during its review during the upcoming JRT meeting.

ISO/IEC JTC1/SC14/WG4 (Data Representation), Washington DC, 20-24 May 1996

8. Two topics of interest to GE.1 were the UN/EDIFACT Message Design Rules (MDRs) and BSR Project discussions.

9. During the presentation of the MDRs it become clear that UN/EDIFACT and SC14 use different terminology for the same concepts. In order to resolve this difference, WG4 will request at the next SC14 meeting that an official Liaison be established between the two groups. Both parties are in contact to formalize the relationship. WG14 planes to review the MDRs and forward its comments to the MDR Group before the deadline.

10. In regard to the BSR Project, it was agreed that WG4 members should meet with members of the BSR/MC (Chairman, Editor and Production Team Manager) during the summer to address some of the differences. A meeting is scheduled for 14-16 August 1996 in Alexandria, VA, USA.

Standards Liaison Team (GE.1/SLT), Brazil JRT, Iguacu Falls, 15 April 1996

11. The meeting did not result in any items for review and/or approval by GE.1. For details of the meeting see R.1230 - Annex A. The agenda for the next meeting, to be held during the Helsinki JRT, is in R.1230 - Annex B. Special attention will be given at the next meeting to the review of the DIS ballot version of the revised "Open-EDI Reference Model" and the BSR N101 (Process and Procedures) document. Both are available electronically and have been forwarded to the SLT members.