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Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT)

Eighth session, 27-30 May 2002

Item 8 of the provisional agenda

**Minutes of the seventh meeting of the ISO IEC ITU UN/ECE MoU Management Group  
11-13 March 2002, Geneva, Switzerland**

Submitted by the UN/CEFACT Standards Liaison Rapporteur \*

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In addition to the verbal report by the Standards Liaison Rapporteur on the work related to the progress of the Memorandum of Understanding, the minutes of the meeting held in Geneva in March 2002 are submitted for information.

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\* The present document is submitted in the form in which it was received by the secretariat

## **1. Welcome and administrative details**

Apologies: Verina Horsnell, Pierre Georget, Steve Mathews, David Dobbing, Kenji Itoh, Klaus Naujok.

Present: Gabriel Barta (GB), Karl Best (KB), Sophie Clivio (SC), Mark Crawford (MC), Olivier Dubuisson (OD), Dennis Epley (DE), Cindy Fuller (Chair, CF), Christian Galinski (CG), Philip Griffin (PG), Marie Martine Guillabert (MMG), Hans Hansell (HH), Claude Hamon (CH), Richard Hill (Secretary, RH), Jean Kubler (JK), Man-Sze Li (MSL), Howard Mason (HM), Francois Vuilleumier (FV), Ray Walker (RW)

Wednesday Legal session. RW: plans on track until recently, David Marsh cancellation unexpected.

FV: will not be able to attend Wednesday, IPR issues are important, sees this week as a start and hopes will agree a path forward for MoU. CF: not clear what MoU should be doing, hopefully this will be clarified on Wednesday; ANSI has started to look at IPR issues related to XML. Issues could be revisited in Baltimore. FV: need to scope what are IPR issues, there is a lot of confusion as to what is in and what is out; then we need to address the agreed scope. GB: supports distinction between copyright and patents. CF: in US business process patents are becoming an issue. RW: do we need IPR track for December meeting.

Annex A of these minutes contain the agreed action items and resolutions. Annex B of these minutes contains topics identified for the next meeting.

## **2. Adoption of the agenda**

Agenda Rev 1 adopted, document N0087.

## **3. Approval of the minutes of the pervious meeting**

Approved with changes submitted by Howard Mason. JK will revise and submit to Sophie for posting.

## **4. Matters arising**

Are covered by agreed agenda items.

### **4.1 Resolution 00/13: Members to submit summary information on applications of XML**

Brief description requested of approved ongoing work within organizations participating in MoU. To be posted on web site. PG: document 89 provides a description for a schema. Each contributor to send a brief description of XML-specific work related to E-Business, free text, source identified, URLs pointing to more detailed descriptions. Focus in on uses or applications of XML, not re-definitions of XML. However, a broad and inclusive approach is appropriate at this time: if in doubt, please submit the information. The resulting web site will be used as a public relations and marketing tool. RW and CF: E-Business is very broad and includes any type of transaction, including government transactions, exchanges of technical drawings and other information, etc. FV: the purpose is to informally identify the areas of work by each concerned party.

KB: should be extended to cover non-XML. GB: this broadens scope might be difficult to cover. PG: can broaden, but should identify if it is XML or not. CF: priority is on XML at this time. FV: supports. MSL: Diffuse is a large project, information structured according to user needs, priority is industry implementations of XML within E-Business, that is actual usage, practical implementations. Would like to explore collaboration possibilities, for example making Diffuse site available to MoU members. KB: use Diffuse site to publish information. CF: this should be considered. HM: there is a mapping from STEP to XML, and consensus on XML schema mapping.

#### 4.2 Resolution 00/14: Members to include link to MoU site on their sites

CF notes that this request has largely been implemented. Action item is closed, but will remain as a reminder in future meetings. The URL to link to is <http://www.itu.int/itu-t/e-business/mou/>.

#### 4.3 Resolution 01/02: IPR Workshop

Will be covered on Wednesday.

#### 4.4 Resolution 01/06: Adding OASIS to the MoU

New draft produced by Secretariat from proposal by OASIS. Editorial changes from ITU, ISO, IEC have been incorporated. HM: Annex A should be revised, this may be an opportunity to do so. SC: supports. FV: agrees that MoU should be updated, in particular to incorporate matrix from N0006. SC: modifications to Annex A should be separated from signatures by executives.

HM: Annex A can be modified without signatures by executives. Register should be re-signed once a year. HM: get signatures now to register. Separately, review annexes. CF: suggests combining two actions and having signatures at summit in December. HM will chair updating group. PG: signatures in the past have been done continually, not once per year. KB: would prefer to have signatures as soon as possible.

Signatures of Register to be obtained as soon as possible for current draft. Future actions to be discussed.

After discussion, it is confirmed that the MoU MG has full authority to admit new user groups. It is agreed that the signatures by executives of the Register (Annex E of the MoU) is not a form of ratification or approval, but a formal acknowledgement of the MoU MG decisions with respect to participating user groups. Such signatures of the Register shall be obtained as soon as possible after the MoU MG admits a user group.

It is further agreed that there should be a standard description of the MoU MG (tag line) to be appended to all press releases and also made available on the web. **[new action item]**

#### 4.5 Resolution 01/08 : Organizations to inform regarding UTF-8 support

Members report that there have been no problems, but that UTF-8 does not in itself resolve all problems.

#### 4.6 Marketing Material

The presentation N0086 is considered very helpful. HM and RW volunteer to create speaker notes in due course. Various improvements to the presentation are suggested by participants. HM and RW will update.

It is agreed that the MoU web site will contain an area where all press releases by the four organization and participating user groups will be stored. Members are requested to send relevant press releases to the Secretariat. **[new action item]**

CF and FV to provide additional information for July meeting. Also, a brochure will be produced in conjunction with the presentation.

Draft vision statement, document N0085, is approved.

#### 4.7 Action 00/06 Use of Object Identifier (OID) Model

PG: the standards (ITU-T X.660) and joint ISO standards are being updated and ASN.1 is being updated for XML. FV: points out that there is need for unique IDs in cargo movement and that it would be good if they could reuse the mentioned work. PG: concurs and mentions that there are new features in the standard (for example, XML format) which should make adoption easier; current experience is very favorable and the IDs are already widely used.

It is agreed that this topic should be presented at the July MoU MG meeting, specifically model for OIDs, how OIDs are issued, examples of use, how to register, how to find OIDs, web sites, etc.

#### 4.8 Action 01/03 UN/ECE regarding legal issues on MoU

HH: there are some IPR issues between Oasis and UN/ECE. These issues are being discussed within the appropriate instances in the UN Secretariat and Oasis. These should not affect the MoU. Several participants support this view.

It is agreed that the MoU MG will not discuss this topic until final agreement has been reached within the UN Secretariat.

#### 4.9 Action 01/04 New draft of N006

FV: should be combined with revision of Annex A of MoU; will cooperate with revision group chaired by HM, see agenda item 4.4. Expectation is to have work ready for approval for July meeting.

It is agreed that the MoU annexes will be revised from time to time, as required.

#### 4.10 Action 01/05 Members to identify additional user groups

KB: not sure which other organizations would be appropriate. CF: reminds group of criteria.

MC: important to approach W3C since their work is important for e-Business; they are restructuring, so this could be an opportunity to establish a link with them. CG: notes that choices of character set use can have major impact on E-Business.

RW: CEN, SWIFT, and EAN have expressed interest in joining the MoU. CF: points out that SWIFT is non a non-profit organization, so it cannot join. SC: points out that CEN may not wish to join as a user group. FV: states that the opinion of the existing groups working in specific areas should be obtained before considering any new members; CEN ISSS workshops however should be encouraged to join the MoU as user groups. CH: supports proposal in favor of CEN ISSS workshops. PG: questions whether EAN is already sufficiently represented through UN/ECE/CEFACT. RW: points out that CEFACT cannot speak for EAN. CG: points out that EAN develops and maintains standards not related to CEFACT. HM: refers to purpose of MoU, which is to ensure coordination, and notes that participation by some CEN TCs might be appropriate: invitation should be not restricted to ISSS workshops only. MMG and FV

support this view. FV: points out that existing formal relations between CEN and ISO need to be taken into account. RH: ITU reserves its position with respect to CEN, supports proposal in favor of CEN ISSS workshops. SC: notes that formal agreements between CEN and ISO call for parallel, coordinated work between the two organizations; there is no formal agreement with CEN ISSS workshops.

It is noted that SC has established contact with TC 215 for health informatics projects.

It is agreed that CF will get in touch with the IETF Security Area Director, Internationalized Domain Name project leader, and possibly others, and invite them, if appropriate, to present at the July meeting.

It is agreed that CF will get in touch with W3C and invite them, if appropriate, to present at the July meeting. Contact person at W3C is Steve Bratt, COO, +1 617 253 7697, steve@w3.org.

It is agreed that CF will be in touch with appropriate EAN and UCC representatives and invite them, if appropriate, to present at the July meeting.

It is agreed that CF will be in touch with appropriate CEN ISSS representatives and invite them, if appropriate, to present at a future meeting. It is noted that RH expresses a reservation with respect to non-workshop activities of CEN ISSS.

It is agreed that RH will organize a presentation in December by ITU on 3G work related to E-Business, including work done in other standard development organizations and forums.

It is agreed that CF will establish informal contact with AFACT, APEC, and others, with a view to increasing contact with the Asia/Pacific region.

It is agreed that CF will establish informal contact with the ICC with a view to increasing knowledge of consumer-related activities.

It is agreed that CF will establish informal contact with RosettaNet, OMG, and OAG with a view to exploring the appropriateness of their joining the MoU as user groups.

Members are requested to report on significant liaison activities that further the goals of the MoU. [**new action item**]

## **5. Coordination of existing actions**

### **5.1 Business Object (BO) and XML summit planning**

CF: draws attention to the need to have committed resources. RW: points out that the required resources will depend on the nature of the event. RH: ITU could, in principle, provide meeting facilities. GB: need a convenor who will be responsible for organization. SC: concurs. RW: moves that CF should be the convenor. CF: accepts. FV: volunteers to act as local liaison. KB: volunteers to act as vice-chair. The meeting accepts these nominations.

However, after investigation, RH reported that no suitable rooms are available through ITU on the chosen dates.

The following people will be on the program committee: Steve Mathews, Phil Griffin, Howard Mason, Ray Walker, Karl Best, Francois Vuilleumier, the four secretariats, Dennis Epley, John Bozak, Mark Crawford, in addition to the chair Cindy Fuller.

The following times/dates are proposed for audio-conferences: 09:00-10:30 New York local time 5 April; participants are requested to review the draft agenda annexed to these minutes. CF will set up the call.

Purpose of XML conference is to learn about work being done, and applications, so as to increase awareness of convergence issues. What is it, what it is not. Start with explanation of XML, then explore applications. Start with presentations from industry on use of BO and XML. Encourage debate on short-term solutions vs. long-term solutions. Get input from users of BO, XML, and related standards to help identify future actions by MoU members. Questions for industry speakers could be:

- What are you doing in the area of BO's?
- What are you doing in the area of XML?
- What is your strategy roadmap for going forward?
- What are your inter-operability issues?
- What type and level of coordination would you like to see amongst standardization bodies and user groups or forums?

The final goal of the conference is to further the MoU goal of favoring coordination and harmonization of E-Business standards and inter-operability across industry sectors.

The current draft of the conference proposals is attached as Annex C of these minutes. The program will be progressed through conference calls and correspondence, under the leadership of CF.

#### 5.2 Universal Business Language (UBL) initiative update

MC presented an update of the UBL initiative. See <http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/ubl>.

The meeting thanked MC for the informative and helpful presentation, and invites future updates.

CF: notes that schema design rules should be as narrow as possible and applied as broadly as possible in order to favor inter-operability. HM: asks if it would be important to standardize business information entities as a priority before standardizing core components. MC: replies that core components are being created by identifying common parts of business information entities. HM: states that this approach has been taken in other groups and it is not easy. MC: concurs that it is not easy. MC: discussions are going on concerning whether CEFACT could become the maintenance agency of UBL in the future.

#### 5.3 ebXML and follow up

RW: OASIS and CEFACT have created a joint coordinating committee which has started to work. A physical meeting will take place in Barcelona in May 2002. UN will publish the specifications. It is expected that a UN Recommendation to governments on the use of ebXML will be approved soon.

#### 5.4 Core components

FV: work is continuing, papers on TC 154 web.

#### 5.5 ISO TC 37 SC4 PWI product classification

CG: relevant document is N0079. Update work is ongoing. Languages need to be extended to cover non-ASCII character sets and graphical symbols, for example to cover trademarks.

CH: related work is going on in JTC1 SC35 and TC 154 WG 1

The meeting invites further updates on this important topic.

### 5.6 Outcome of the Interoperability Summit in December 2001

KB: the Interoperability summit is a series of meetings sponsored by various organizations including OASIS. The work of the MoU has been presented at the first meeting. In general, meetings will start with an overall view of interoperability then move to vertical examples. Conclusions were that standards organizations should work to foster interoperability.

The next meeting will take place 27-28 June 2002 in Orlando, Florida. The vertical track will be on interoperability in business object and related libraries. Information can be found from the OMG web site <http://www.omg.org>.

## **6. Identification of new coordination issues**

### 6.1 Diffuse

MSL presented the Diffuse project, see <http://www.diffuse.org>.

Participants thank MSL for the presentation and also for the project work, which is considered impressive.

FW: asks what MoU MG should do with information provided by Diffuse, and whether there are too many standards, possibly inconsistent standards in related areas. CF: this information should be useful for users, proposes to make link from MoU MG site to Diffuse. MSL: confirms that there are some overlaps and duplicated work. HM: concurs. RW: points out that coordination of projects is difficult; MoU can help by offering road maps. CH: notes that this is a recurrent issue, which has arisen many times in the past; supports efforts to solve it, for example by linking R&D funding with standards work.

GB: points out that ISO and IEC can only recommend use of international standards and cannot make recommendations regarding possible conflicts or overlaps, except to encourage work in the relevant bodies to resolve such issues. SC concurs, but notes that one of the roles of the MoU is to provide information, which is what Diffuse is doing; the MoU should not be involved in implementation issues. CF: there is now strong pressure from industry to avoid duplicate work; work should be relevant to the market and timely. CG: difficult to avoid conflicts completely; ISO 16642 can be a useful framework in certain areas. FV: proposes to use Diffuse site to find out if work has already been done before approving any new work items.

It is agreed that:

1. The MoU will implement a link from its website to [www.diffuse.org](http://www.diffuse.org).
2. The MoU MG recommends the Chairs and Secretariats of the relevant groups of the MoU signatory organizations to:
  - 2.1. make use of the Diffuse information services when launching new projects and to report back to the MoU on their experiences. **[new action item]**
  - 2.2. inform the Diffuse Team of relevant new developments for ensuring that such developments are referenced in the Diffuse publications.
3. Where appropriate, the MoU MG will further explore additional means of making use of the Diffuse site contents, the copyright of which is held by the European Communities.
4. Diffuse will assist in promoting the MoU event on BOS/XML planned for December by referencing this event in our publications/ mailing.
5. Diffuse is invited to participate in future MoU MG meetings as an observer.

6. The MoU MG will request Diffuse to include a link to the MoU site from their web site.

#### 6.2 Registry of ongoing work, standardization efforts

KB: collaboration and hence interoperability can be assisted if standards organization can have access to consistent, standard descriptions of work in progress. An informal project has been started to define metadata that would describe the work of standards organizations. Information can be found at:

<http://www.oasis-open.org/stdsreg> .

#### 6.3 Service sector representation

CF: notes that greater service sector representation would be desirable. Health informatics is expected to join the MoU. Members are encouraged to identify potential sectors, particularly those that have no linkages to physical products and are not international.

#### 6.4 Health information ISO DIS 17113

Carry over to next meeting.

#### 6.5 Metadata registries

Carry over to next meeting. SC 32 should provide a report.

### **7. Secretariat issues**

RH: will not be able to attend the December meeting. GB: can be present for two days in December. CF: need to find someone who will take the minutes of the MoU MG meeting, since prefers GB to be present during conference rather than MoU MG meeting.

### **8. Items for information**

#### 8.1 Reports from organizations

##### 8.1.1 ITU-T 12/17 work related to XML

PG: reports on ITU-T ASN.1 work related to XML, document N0089.

MC: suggests that an input to the TMG CEFACT group would be appropriate. KB: points out that SC 34 has started a project to compare various schemas; an input to that group could be appropriate.

HM: asks how existing definitions could be mapped into ASN.1. PG: replies that this can be done, for example UML can be mapped to ASN.1.

The group thanks PG for this informative presentation and encourages members to further investigate the potential uses of ASN.1. ITU will be invited to present a paper at the next meeting. The paper should explain the technology, how it can be applied to existing definitions, how it is related to XML, UML, etc., and include some examples. The paper should be available 2 months before the meeting.

A presentation is available on the web site at: <http://asn-1.com/cxer.zip> . ITU is encouraged to identify local representatives that could liaise with local E-Business working groups.

PG: requests that core components should not exclude ASN.1. RW: suggests that appropriate liaisons be sent to CEFACT. See also 8.1.1 below.

##### 8.1.2 CEFACT Reorganization

RW: presents proposal for CEFACT reorganization.

The meeting thanks RW for this informative presentation.



## **9. Any other business**

The meeting thanks SC and ISO for hosting the meeting. It also thanks the ISO guest speakers Jacques-Olivier Chabot and Claude Aberle on intellectual property rights issues.

The meeting thanks CF for the excellent work as chair.

### 9.1 Future meeting dates

July meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, USA will be held 24-26 July 2002. Invited speakers on 25 July. Casual dress encouraged. The meeting in Baltimore will be at the Pier 5 Hotel at 711 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Their phone is 410 539-2000 and their Fax is 410 783-1787. The group rate is \$189.00 and reservations must be made before 22 June 2002. The group name is American Bankers Association MOU/MG Meeting and the toll free number is 877 207-9047. There are three Washington area airports. BWI which is called Baltimore Washington Airport is the closest to Baltimore. Then Reagan National which is in Washington DC and over an hour to Baltimore Inner Harbor where our meeting is being held. Finally, Dulles international which is more like 2 hours. Topics identified for the agenda of the next meeting are contained in Annex B of these minutes. December meeting in Geneva will be held 2-3 December 2002; BOS on 4 December, XML on 5 December, XML and Legal on 6 December morning.

### 9.2 New topics

CG: will make a report at a future meeting on terminology, including the definition part of the JTC1 deliverables.

### 9.3 Liaison with IEC TC 93

As previously highlighted by email by HM, TC 184 SC 4 reported that it had some concerns over the potential overlap of IEC TC93 work items. JWG 9 (with IEC TC 3) had expressed concern in the area of TC93-WG6, where the "Library of Reusable Parts for Electrotechnical Products" appeared to overlap with the existing library concept in ISO 10303-210. In addition, AP212 is directly linked with the PLIB standard for parts libraries (ISO 13584). A request for detail of TC 93 working group scopes and task descriptions had been submitted with a liaison statement prior to the last TC 93 meeting, but no response had been received, although the request had been noted in the minutes. Members of the MoU/MG also shared the concern of SC 4 over unsubstantiated TC 93 claims that use of the XML schema was more robust than a data modelling approach. It was noted that ISO 10303 also included a direct mapping to XML as one possible representation format for any STEP data.

The IEC CO rep was invited to assist in rationalising the activities of TC 93 with the other product data modelling activities in ISO and IEC.

RW: concurs.

#### 9.4 Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues

Various presentations were made. The ITU presentation can be found at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/tsb-director/forum/files/zhao-IPR-forum-summit.ppt> . The ITU IPR policy can be found at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/dbase/patent/index.html> .

The meeting agrees the following future actions:

- An update on legal issues (including but not limited to IPR) should be given at future meetings.
- CG will make a presentation at a future meeting.

It is agreed that the MoU MG will not become involved in the IPR policies of the member organizations, nor in negotiations that may take place amongst the members regarding joint or shared publication. However, the MoU MG encourages its members to present IPR and other legal issues for information as appropriate. GB: notes that IEC does not consider liability issues to be relevant to its work.

HM: TC 184 SC 4 reported that problems had arisen in the industrial exploitation of the common dictionary standard IEC 61360-4, which had been jointly developed with IEC TC 3. Whereas ISO had defined a generous copyright provision to allow the definitions in such dictionaries to be quoted in other standards to facilitate implementation (Council 42/2000), there was no corresponding IEC provision. As a result, a number of international dictionaries had been created from scratch, rather than referencing the IEC text which was acknowledged to be technically superior in structure, although it had not been updated since 1997.

ISO and IEC were invited to endeavor to align their policies in this important area, to facilitate exploitation of joint standards. A copy of the comments from SC 4 WG2 would be forwarded to M. Chabot for consideration.

#### 9.5 World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)

RW: informs meeting of World Summit on Information Society. Next regional planning roundtable 29 April 2002 in Geneva.

It is agreed that the MoU will exert its best efforts to ensure that due consideration is given to the benefits of open and interoperable standards for E-Business.

## Annex A: Action Items and Resolutions

Numbers refer to Agenda items.

### Actions

**4.1:** Brief description requested of approved ongoing work within organizations participating in MoU. To be posted on web site. Each contributor to send a brief description of XML-specific work related to E-Business, free text, source identified, URLs pointing to more detailed descriptions. Focus in on uses or applications of XML, not re-definitions of XML. However, a broad and inclusive approach is appropriate at this time: if in doubt, please submit the information.

**4.2:** At each meeting, remind members to include on their sites a link to the MoU, namely to: is <http://www.itu.int/itu-t/e-business/mou/>

**4.4:** Revision of MoU including OASIS to be posted on Web site. Signatures of Register to be obtained as soon as possible. It is further agreed that there should be a standard description of the MoU MG (tag line) to be appended to all press releases and also made available on the web.

**4.6:** HM and RW will update N0086 on the basis of comments received. CF and FV will provide additional information for July meeting. It is agreed that the MoU web site will contain an area where all press releases by the four organization and participating user groups will be stored. Members are requested to send relevant press releases to the Secretariat.

**4.7:** It is agreed that the use of the Object Identifier (OID) Model should be presented at the July MoU MG meeting, specifically model for OIDs, how OIDs are issued, examples of use, how to register, how to find OIDs, web sites, etc.

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**5.1:** Locate rooms for the Business Objects and XML Summit on 4, 5, 6 December. Develop program as outlined in agenda item and Annex B.

**5.5:** The meeting invites further updates on the important topic of product classification, in particular extension of languages to cover non-ASCII character sets and graphical symbols.

**6.1:** It is agreed that: the MoU will implement a link from its website to [www.diffuse.org](http://www.diffuse.org). It is agreed that the MoU MG recommends the Chairs and Secretariats of the relevant groups of the MoU signatory organizations to: make use of the Diffuse information services when launching new projects and to report back to the MoU on their experiences.; inform the Diffuse Team of relevant new developments for ensuring that such developments are referenced in the Diffuse publications. Where appropriate, the MoU MG will further explore additional means of making use of the Diffuse site contents, the copyright of which is held by the European Communities. Diffuse will assist in promoting the MoU event on BOS/XML planned for December by referencing this event in our publications/ mailing. Diffuse is invited to participate in future MoU MG meetings as an observer. The MoU MG will request Diffuse to include a link to the MoU site from their web site.

**6.3:** Greater service sector representation would be desirable. Members are encouraged to identify potential sectors, particularly those that have no linkages to physical products and are not international.

**7:** Need to find a replacement for RH for the December meeting.

**8.1.1:** ITU will be invited to present a paper at the next meeting. The paper should explain the technology, how it can be applied to existing definitions, how it is related to XML, UML, etc., and include some examples. The paper should be available 2 months before the meeting. A presentation is available on the web site at: <http://asn-1.com/cxer.zip>. ITU is encouraged to identify local representatives that could liaise with local E-Business working groups.

**9.2:** CG will make a report at a future meeting on terminology, including the definition part of the JTC1 deliverables.

**9.3:** The IEC CO rep was invited to assist in rationalising the activities of TC 93 with the other product data modeling activities in ISO and IEC.

**9.4:** Regarding intellectual property rights issues, the meeting agrees the following future actions: an update on legal issues (including but not limited to IPR) should be given at future meetings. CG will make a presentation at a future meeting.

**9.4:** ISO and IEC were invited to endeavor to align their policies in this important area of copyrights for common dictionary standards, to facilitate exploitation of joint standards. A copy of the comments from SC 4 WG2 would be forwarded to M. Chabot for consideration.

## **Resolutions**

**4.6:** Draft vision statement, document N0085, is approved.

**4.8:** It is agreed that the MoU MG will not discuss legal issues related to intellectual property rights related to UN/ECE and Oasis until final agreement has been reached within the UN Secretariat.

**9.4:** It is agreed that the MoU MG will not become involved in the IPR policies of the member organizations, nor in negotiations that may take place amongst the members regarding joint or shared publication. However, the MoU MG encourages its members to present IPR and other legal issues for information as appropriate. GB: notes that IEC does not consider liability issues to be relevant to its work.

**9.5:** It is agreed that the MoU will exert its best efforts to ensure that due consideration is given to the benefits of open and interoperable standards for E-Business at the World Summit on Information Society.

## **Annex B: Topics for Next Meeting**

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Review of actions arising from previous meeting
- UBL Initiative update
- ISO TC 37 SC4 PWI product classification
- Service sector representation
- Health information ISO DIS 17113
- Metadata registries
- ITU-T presentation on ASN.1
- Terminology
- IPR Issues

## **Annex C: Draft Conference Programs**

### **BUSINESS OBJECT and XML SUMMIT - BOX DRAFT AGENDA**

**Date: 4-5-6 December 2002**

**Hours: 10.a.m. to 5 p.m. first day**

**Location: to be defined (no suitable rooms available through ITU on chosen dates)**

#### **1. Welcome to the participants**

Welcome by the host, and the Chairperson of the Summit.

#### **2. Presentation on the work of the MoU/MG**

#### **3. Introduction**

BOS follow-up

XML : what it is - what it is not, by W3C or OASIS

eb-XML : XML in business by ???

Presentation of each expert, his organization, the domain of activities, the issues, the expectations of this two day meeting.

#### **4. Presentations**

It is expected that each speaker would have 45 mn for the presentation of their work and how it relates to the issue of the Summit. Each presentation might be followed by Q&A as appropriate to secure a good understanding by all participants. The proposed sequence of presentations is as follows (as available per today):

- IEC TC 3, TC93 and TC91 ???
- IEC TC 65 ???
- ISO TC 68
- ISO TC154 (BSR ????)
- ISO TC 184/SC 4
- ISO TC 184/SC 5
- ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 31 WG4
- ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 32 (Mr. Hajime HORIUCHI -WG2)
- ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 34 ???
- ITU-T SG17
- OAG
- OASIS UBL
- OMG UBS CH (Mr. H.P. HOIDN)

- ROSETTA NET
- UN/CEFACT-TMG
- UN/CEFACT-ICG

Use of XML in the following sectors:

- Automotive
- Statistics
- Banking - securities
- Electronics
- Retail
- Electricity supply
- Travel
- Health care
- Transportation
- Aerospace

## **5. Definition of the scope of a global synthesis of business objects.**

5.1. Definition of a statement of the elements of a joint approach to Common Business Objects development.

5.2 Definition of a plan of action for coordinating the delivery and standardization.

5.3 IPR and other legal issues

## **6. Conclusion**

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