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Re: Support for approval of ISO/IEC DIS 29500 – Information Technology – Office Open XML File Formats

Dear Ms. Rajchel,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the approval of Ecma's Office Open XML File Formats as an ISO/IEC International Standard. I strongly urge the American National Standards Institute to communicate its support for the ISO/IEC ratification of this standard to the JTC1 Secretariat.

Open XML represents an important advance in document standards that offers benefits to technology users, the technology industry, consumers, businesses and governments worldwide. The standard received a strong endorsement when it was approved by Ecma in December 2006 and submitted to JTC1 for fast-track approval.

Open XML is designed to be backwards compatible with billions of archived documents, and the extensive standard accommodates a wide range of languages and cultures, as well as assistive technologies that help people with disabilities. Governments and businesses will both benefit from the standard itself, as well as from the range of new products that implement the standard. Furthermore, Open XML can easily co-exist with other document format standards.

Thank you for your support for Open XML.

Sincerely,

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