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Subject: Accessibility Study Group Report to the INCITS EB

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1. At its January 2005 meeting the INCITS Executive Board approved the proposed charter for the INCITS Accessibility Study Group (ASG) to develop US contributions and recommendations to the JTC1 Special Working Group on Accessibility (SWG-A).
2. Subsequently the Accessibility ASG convened 12 times in 2005. In 2006, the ASG convened 10 times: on February 17, March 3, March 7, April 21, May 12, June 16, July 14, July 28, August 18 and October 6.

Representatives from AOL, Apple, Assistive Technology Association (ATIA), Auburn Engineers, HP, IBM, Inclusive Technologies, Information Technology Association (ITI), Lexmark, Microsoft, Oracle, SAP, Sony, TecAccess, TIA and W3C participated in the meetings. All participant organizations have voting status except for W3C, which has advisory status. HiSoftware is a prospective member.

3. Activities since the last ASG report to the INCITS EB October 2006 meeting:
 - October 6 teleconference held to provide a de-brief of the September 18-22, 2006 SWG-A in Brussels.
 - Additional meetings in 2006 were not scheduled as many ASG members are involved in TEITAC activity (the 508 refresh). Along with the holidays, schedules did not permit a quorum.
6. Future ASG teleconferences:

Teleconferences will be held in February, March and April to prepare for the April 23-27, 2007 SWG-A in Oslo, Norway. Specific dates have not yet been identified.
7. Next in person ASG meetings:

None presently scheduled.