



List of resolutions adopted during the 26th ISO General Assembly, Buenos Aires (ARGENTINA), 17-19 September 2003

General Assembly Resolution 1/2003

The General Assembly approves the minutes of the 25th General Assembly held in Stockholm (Sweden) in 2002, as circulated to the members of the Organization on 12 December 2002.

General Assembly Resolution 2/2003

The General Assembly

thinks the Secretary-General for his interesting and comprehensive report, clearly highlighting the major results achieved and directions taken since the last General Assembly and the current and future challenges placed before the Organization,

expresses its satisfaction at the way ISO's activities during the 2002 calendar year were conveyed in the annual report and agrees that the annual report covering the year 2003 should be prepared along similar lines.

General Assembly Resolution 3/2003

The General Assembly

thinks the IEC President, Dr. Sei-ichi Takayanagi, and the Director of the ITU TSB, Mr. Houlin Zhao, for their positive and interesting addresses to the ISO General Assembly,

recalls the importance it attaches to cooperation between ISO, the IEC and the ITU-T at various levels, including within the World Standards Cooperation (WSC), underlining that the global community can only benefit from these three organizations' working as closely together as possible in the rapidly changing global society,

notes with appreciation the results of the second meeting of the WSC, in particular the organization of a sectorial users' workshop in the area of medical technologies to be held in Geneva in February 2004, and,

as far as the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) is concerned, urges the members to encourage dialogue with their government representatives involved in the WSIS, to ensure that they understand and support the position taken by the

IEC, ISO and the ITU-T to have references to the role and benefits of International standards included in the WSIS draft declaration of principle and draft action plan.

General Assembly Resolution 4/2003

The General Assembly,

recalling the importance it attaches to close cooperation with the WTO and being highly appreciative of the support and encouragement given to ISO by the WTO in many contexts,

thanks the Chairman of the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade, Mr. Juan Antonio Dorantes, for his address to the General Assembly, in which he recognizes the significant contributions that international organizations such as ISO can make to avoiding unnecessary barriers to trade and to facilitating international trade,

notes with satisfaction that the efforts made by ISO to assist developing countries in participating more effectively in international standardization activities duly reflect the importance attached by the WTO to the specific problems of developing countries in contributing to the globalization of world trade.

General Assembly Resolution 5/2003

The General Assembly

thanks the Chairman of the Technical Management Board for his excellent report showing the progress made by the TMB in meeting numerous challenges,

recalling the requirement that each Technical Committee should produce a business plan to demonstrate and enhance the market relevance of ISO's technical work,

further recalling the original agreement that member bodies should be responsible for promoting the TC business plans in their own countries,

urges the member bodies to take all necessary and appropriate action to contribute to, promote and publicize the TC business plans in their countries, for example by giving more visibility to the business plans on their Web sites, and

further notes that the TMB has decided to update the service agreements and calls on all member bodies to be responsive to ensure the implementation of new policies and procedures intended to optimize the process.

General Assembly Resolution 6/2003

The General Assembly

thanks Ross Wraight for his stimulating and farsighted presentation on the challenges for ISO and its global relevance,

invites the Secretary-General to consider the comments made during the meeting with a view to taking action and inviting the relevant bodies of the ISO community to take action, as appropriate.

General Assembly Resolution 7/2003

The General Assembly

thanks and congratulates Mr. Dan Gagnier, Chairman of ISO/TC 207 *Environmental Management* and of the TMB Advisory Group on Social Responsibility for his most challenging presentation,

invites the Technical Management Board and the Chairs of ISO/TC 176 and ISO/TC 207 to consider ISO's further involvement in the development of management standards, bearing in mind the comments made during the meeting.

General Assembly Resolution 8/2003

The General Assembly,

expressing satisfaction for the new method for updating the ISO Strategy and its implementation as of 2005, as decided by Council in its resolution 05/2003,

congratulating the Secretary-General on the consultation process he initiated among the members and among ISO's major international partners by circulating the document *ISO Horizon 2010, Standards for a sustainable development*,

stresses the importance of the opportunity afforded to all stakeholders at national level to contribute to the consultation through the ISO members and

to that effect, urges the members to organize the corresponding consultations at national level, to serve as the basis for their consolidated response to be returned to the Secretary-General by 31 October 2003.

General Assembly Resolution 9/2003

The General Assembly

thanks the Treasurer for his interesting and clear report,

asks that the members be informed in more detail, as and when appropriate, of certain of the financial items of the Organization,

invites all members to support the relevant initiatives taken within ISO by contributing to the funds-in-trust and encourages members who have not yet contributed to do so to the greatest possible extent.

General Assembly Resolution 10/2003

The General Assembly

notes with satisfaction the various actions taken since the last General Assembly to increase developing country participation in international standardization, as set out in document General Assembly 15/2003, including the reactivation by the TMB of its Task Force on Developing Countries, to deal with the items identified in the programme of action endorsed by Council for follow-up by the TMB,

underlines the need for high priority action on the various projects in order to facilitate the participation of developing countries in international standardization work and to generally improve the effectiveness of the standardization infrastructure in developing countries and increase its relevance to economic development,

asks the Secretary-General to take measures for better identifying the actions of technical assistance for developing countries in the budget of the Central Secretariat,

further asks that the General Assembly agenda include on a regular basis for review and evaluation the issue of the implementation of the action plan for developing countries.

General Assembly Resolution 11/2003

The General Assembly, in accordance with Clause 3.1.1 of the ISO Rules of Procedure,

endorses Council's decision confirming that the ranking criteria for the appointment/election of member bodies to Council shall continue to be as follows:

- number of payable units (60% weight),
- number of TC and SC secretariats (20% weight),
- number of P-memberships (20% weight),

thereby confirming that the criteria to be used in ranking the member bodies for eligibility to Council membership should reflect the relative size of the economies of

the member bodies' countries and the degree of member body involvement in ISO's technical work, both quantitatively and qualitatively.

General Assembly Resolution 12/2003

The General Assembly

notes the concerns expressed by the Director General of the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO) in relation to the nomination procedure for vice-presidency (technical management) and its outcome,

asks the Secretary-General to convey these concerns to Council.

Special General Assembly Resolution 1

The General Assembly

unanimously salutes the many contributions to ISO affairs made by Mr. Ross Wraight during his term as ISO Vice-President (technical management) from 2000 to 2003, considering that he has demonstrated outstanding leadership and forward-thinking in many instances, and always with good humour,

acknowledges that, as Chairman of the Technical Management Board, Mr. Wraight has always shown fairness in hearing all points of view and in guiding discussions expeditiously towards consensus positions and recommendations,

thanks its Vice-President, Mr. Wraight, most sincerely and wishes him continued success in his professional activities and international undertakings.

Special General Assembly Resolution 2

The General Assembly expresses its deepest thanks to the Instituto Argentino de Normalización - IRAM for its warm welcome and the outstanding arrangements it has made for ISO Argentina 2003. Further, the General Assembly expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the staff of IRAM for their untiring helpfulness and cooperation during the event, which facilitated the proceedings and greatly contributed to the success of the event as a whole.