



LIST OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL DURING ITS 74th MEETING 20 September 2003, Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Council Resolution 26/2003

Council,

confirming the timeliness of action to consolidate and better monitor all the steps and initiatives taken for the benefit of developing countries within the framework of ISO,

approves the recommendations of its ad hoc group on Developing Countries/ Governance (DCGOV) as follows:

- 1) ISO's organizational structure for developing countries (DEVPRO; DEVCO; RLOs)
 - a) In order to link it more closely to the Organization's strategy, the ISO Programme for Developing Countries will be converted into a five-year action plan encompassing the whole spectrum of ISO's activities of interest to developing countries and will be renamed " Five year action plan for developing countries : Standards for progress " .
 - b) DEVCO is requested to review the framework of the current Programme for Developing Countries to expand it accordingly, taking into account the DCTF report and the comments under 1.1 of document Council 32/2003.
 - c) The Secretary-General is requested to review, in consultation with the DEVCO Chair, the terms of reference of DEVCO in order to include, *inter alia*, a monitoring function in relation to the implementation of the action plan, and to submit revised terms of reference to Council as soon as possible.
 - d) DEVCO is invited to set up a Chair's Advisory Group to assist in the monitoring function, with membership and tasks along the lines suggested in item 1.2 of document Council 32/2003.
 - e) The Secretary-General is requested, in consultation with the DEVCO Chair, to review the terms of reference of the Regional Liaison Officers – taking into account, *inter alia*, the creation of the proposed new DEVCO Chair's Advisory Group – as well as the geographic composition of the ISO regions so that this reflects more adequately the regional economic context, and to submit a proposal to Council at its meeting in March 2004.
- 2) Membership structure of Council

Considering that the number and distribution amongst categories of Council seats seems satisfactory, and that improvement could be made in relation to efficiency

and accountability of the Council members of transparency in regard to actual participation, and of assistance to Council members in performing their task in an effective way, it is decided not to alter the present number of Council members, but to urge that additional action be taken to improve the support given to elected Council members – especially those from developing countries – as early as during the interval between their election at the General Assembly and their taking office as Council members on 1 January of the year following their election, and the Secretary-General is requested to take the necessary steps to that effect.

3) Technical Management Board (TMB)

It is confirmed that, for the sake of efficiency and in view of the nature of its work, the TMB should not be too large and, consequently, that no change should be made to the number of TMB members. It is decided, however, to broaden the eligibility criteria by adding to the existing criterion according to which eligibility to the TMB is restricted to member bodies holding at least on technical secretariat (TC or SC), the alternative criteria of having appointed one or more individuals to hold governance responsibilities within TCs or SCs [Chairs and Vice-Chairs ("twin" Chairs)] or of holding "twin" secretariats of TCs/SCs. The Secretary-General is requested to take the necessary steps for Clause 4.2 of the ISO Rules of Procedure to be amended accordingly.

4) Membership subscription structure

In the light of the information given in section 3 of document 32/2003, including the Treasurer's note, it is confirmed that the current situation with regard to the membership fee structure and calculation is generally satisfactory. It is decided, nevertheless, that the economic indicators used for the triennial adjustment of the number of subscription units assigned to member bodies will be averaged over the preceding three-year period instead of being taken from a single year. It is further decided that all efforts shall be made to obtain more resources for assisting developing countries in improving their participation in ISO's activities by seeking to increase the Funds-in-trust and donations from international, regional and national development agencies.

Council Resolution 27/2003

Council, in the light of the decision taken under Council Resolution 26/2003, to convert the ISO Programme for Developing Countries into a five-year action plan, approves the DEVCO recommendation to extend the implementation of the current ISO Programme for Developing Countries 2001-2003 to cover 2004 as well, thereby enabling the new five-year action plan to be prepared in synchrony with ISO's overall strategy, i.e. for the period 2005-2010, and to be presented to Council for approval at its September 2004 meeting.

Council Resolution 28/2003

Council,

underlining that the events in recent years have placed the subject of security high on the list of government priorities and have raised concern in the general public,

asks the Secretary-General to engage contacts with relevant international organizations and ISO members and to make an inventory/analysis of all existing security related ISO standards, with a view to assessing further the needs for International Standards for security and the potential for additional ISO involvement,

further asks the Secretary-General to refer to the TMB the comments received from Council members 'Annex to Council 34/2003 (Add.)' as well as the results of the above action, for consideration of their impact on ISOs technical work,

asks that a progress report be submitted at the March 2004 meeting.

Council Resolution 29/2003

Council

thanks the ITSIG Chairman, Mr. Bob Feghali, for his comprehensive and constructive report,

emphasizing, as to the needs of developing countries, the advantage of being able to receive feedback directly from these countries, asks the Secretary-General to look into the possibility of revising the current ITSIG membership in order to include participation from developing countries and to submit his proposal to Council for approval by correspondence,

noting the positive comments received regarding assistance services provided by the ISO/CS on a cost-recovery basis, e.g. hosting national mirror committees on the ISO/CS server and providing training assistance, asks the Secretary-General to promote among members the availability of these services and of their benefits, to examine the mid-term impact of their development and to report to Council,

notes the indications concerning the ITSIG plan for the year 2004 set out in section 3 of document Council 35/2003,

looks forward to being informed in due course of the outcome of the ITSIG meeting scheduled to take place in November 2003.

Council Resolution 30/2003

Council,

expressing concerns regarding a smooth transition of ISO 9000 certified organizations to the 2000 edition,

having noted the information conveyed by the Secretary-General *inter alia* on ongoing contacts between ISO and IAF,

asks the ISO members and the Secretary-General to ensure that every practical effort is made for a smooth transition so as to protect the ISO image, and

further asks the Secretary-General to send a written report to Council on the situation in December 2003.

Council Resolution 31/2003

Council,

noting the request from ISO/TC 184/SC4 *Industrial automation systems and integration (Industrial Data)* that the following ISO standards be made publicly available free of charge:

?? ISO 10303 *Industrial automation systems and integration — Product data representation and exchange;*

?? ISO 13584 *Industrial automation systems and integration — Parts library;*

?? ISO 15926 *Industrial automation systems and integration — Integration of life-cycle data for process plants including oil and gas production facilities, and*

?? ISO/TS 18876 *Integration of Industrial data for exchange, access and sharing;*

further noting that when these standards are needed for further standardization within ISO and IEC, existing rules already provide for free access by the relevant committees and experts,

approves the CPSG recommendation that ISO 10303, ISO 18876, ISO 15926 and TS 18876 not be made publicly available free of charge,

further approves the CPSG recommendation to ask the TMB to review the International Workshop Agreement (IWA) business model so that it might apply more adequately to further ISO work in the area of industrial automation systems and integration.

Council Resolution 32/2003

Council, regarding the public availability of country, currency and language codes,

notes the two following points of clarification:

- a) the reproduction of the full standard should follow the normal ISO copyright rules;
- b) no copyright fee should be charged for the reproduction of the 2-digit codes of ISO 3166, ISO 4217 and ISO 639 in books, magazines, academic work and for internal use by companies, institutes and organizations;

regarding the proposal that software developers or commercial resellers requesting permission to embed ISO codes in their products for resale would be required to purchase each code in electronic form and to pay to the member body concerned or the Central Secretariat, as appropriate, either an annual fee or a one-time fee and any applicable maintenance fees, asks the CPSG to elaborate further on the clarification it wants from Council and to submit a new proposal.

Council Resolution 33/2003

Council

notes the CPSG recommendation that a number of ISO standards should be published as databases, recognizing the generic need for such a new form of deliverable,

further notes that the Technical Management Board is currently identifying the potential for publishing ISO standards as databases in the future and considering relevant adjustments in the development and maintenance process,

asks the Secretary-General to report at the next Council meeting on progress achieved in this matter.

Council Resolution 34/2003

Council

approves the CPSG recommendation that, when a transnational sales distributor sells a license to a company which has sites/employees in other countries, the ISO Central Secretariat should retrocede to the affected ISO members an amount proportional to the use of the service in the countries of those ISO members,

notes that this provision will be included in the next edition of POCOSA (*ISO Policies and procedures for copyright, copyright exploitation rights and sales of ISO publications*), tentatively scheduled for submission to Council for approval in the course of 2004.

Council Resolution 35/2003

Council,

having reviewed the nomination procedure for Council election as set out in document Council 37/2003,

decides to maintain the current procedure for nominating candidates for Council election without change, i.e. that the process remain confidential throughout the three-month nomination period and that any "campaigning" take place among the ISO member bodies without the circulation of any related information from the Central Secretariat during the specified period,

underlining, however, that campaigning among the ISO membership should be further encouraged, requests the Secretary-General to include a statement to that effect, explaining the process in detail, in his usual circular letter inviting member bodies to nominate candidates.

Council Resolution 36/2003

Council re-appoints Ms. Caroline Warne (United Kingdom) as COPOLCO Chair for the 2004-2005 term.

Council Resolution 37/2003

Council

decides as follows regarding the Regional Liaison Officers:

??to appoint Mr. Asraf Ali Caunhye (Mauritius) for the African region, excluding the Arab countries, for the remaining part of Mrs. Rotich's term, i.e. with immediate effect until the end of 2005;

??to reappoint Mr. Manuel Diaz Portocarrero (Venezuela) for South America for the 2004-2006 term;

notes that a proposal for the position of Regional Liaison Officer for South and Central Asia will be submitted to Council for approval by correspondence once the necessary negotiations have been concluded.

Council Resolution 38/2003

Council appoints SCF Revision S.A., in Geneva, as auditors for the 2003 financial year.

Council Resolution 39/2003

Council decides to hold its 2005 meetings as follows:

- ?? 17-18 March (Thursday-Friday) in Geneva,
- ?? 17 September (Saturday, all day) at the location of the General Assembly, while noting that this date is subject to confirmation once the dates of the 2005 General Assembly have been decided.