

Final Statement of the Chinese National Body

ISO/IEC JTC1 SC6 WG1 Interim Meeting

Frankfurt, Germany

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Dear JTC1 Chairman Mr. Jameson, SC6 Chairman Mr. Kim, WG1 Convener Mr. Joen, our German Hosts, IEEE liaison representatives, and fellow National Bodies:

The Chinese National Body thanks all of you for organizing, participating and contributing to this meeting. As you may recall, it was due to the denial of visas for Chinese experts to attend Orlando meeting, the Chinese National Body requested to have this interim meeting. The presence of JTC1 chairman Mr. Jameson, and SC6 chairman Mr. Kim indicate the importance of this meeting.

As you can see today, since there are no more visa obstacles on the way, China is able to send a large delegation to this meeting. It shows Chinese government's strong support for WAPI becoming International Standard. It also shows that despite all the difficulties we have faced in the past several months, Chinese National Body maintains a positive and cooperative attitude. We were planning to have a technical discussion on 1N7506 by sending a 15 member delegation and preparing a presentation covering the aspects of standard development review, technical presentation, functional demonstration, market application, etc.

However, on the first day of the Frankfurt meeting, Chinese National Body finds that the meeting is not moving in the right direction. The situation is getting more and more difficult as old problems are not resolved; new problems emerge in large numbers. In the Orlando meeting, the Chinese National Body listed 9 procedural problems involving the conflict between 1N7506 and 1N7537; at the beginning of Frankfurt meeting, 10 existing procedural problems are listed; on the first day of this meeting along, 9 disputes have emerged. With so many disputes and problems and an unfair environment, the meeting is going no where and no solution is insight.

The essence of the disputes is the different fate and treatment of two proposals (1N7506 and 1N7537). The IEEE 11i proposal was introduced late but moved far ahead on schedule, while the Chinese proposal is introduced early but its status remained ambiguous and practically falls far behind. This meeting up to now not only fails to correct this unfair situation, but instead made it even more chaotic because of the forceful intervention of Chairman Jameson.

The Chinese National Body is mostly surprised and disappointed to see these major developments:

1. Mr. Jameson defies earlier JTC1 document and declares that 1N7506 was voided and remain non-existent.
2. Mr. Jameson reverses JTC1 position and denies responsibility for the cancellation of 1N7506.
3. Mr. Robin Tasker reverses his position and declares that the Frankfurt meeting cannot discuss 1N7506.

4. The SC6 resolution 6.1.10, which was passed three months ago and was confirmed at the start of this meeting, is reinterpreted to accommodate Mr. Jameson's opinion.
5. JTC1's position on the discussion of N7506 and N7537 has switched three times in four weeks.

The Chinese National Body is prevented from entering technical presentation and discussion on 1N7506 for this meeting because of above events and other remaining problems. This again creates a favorable position for 1N7537 and a disadvantageous position for 1N7506.

This is a continuation of unfair treatment of 1N7506 as we have seen in the past 6 months.

Chinese National Body believes that these events are indications of serious disobedience of ISO/IEC rules and principles.

We believe that Chinese NB's rights as a P-member of ISO/IEC are blatantly violated.

We strongly condemn the series of mistreatment of 1N7506 and all the obstacles placed on WAPI's path to International Standardization.

We believe that these events along with other problems emerged in the past 6 months threaten to damage the image and reputation of ISO/IEC.

Chinese National Body has done its best to resolve the issues. Due to the fact that there are so many procedural disputes and problems surrounding 1N7506 and 1N7537; that there is no end in sight for the emergence of obstacles and problems; that there is no hope of reaching satisfactory resolution within JTC1; and that we have lost confidence in the JTC1 system, Chinese National Body believes that the hope for a satisfactory solution will be to appeal to ISO/IEC TMB/SMB.

It is imperative that ISO/IEC maintain its integrity by "developing globally relevant IS in a fair, responsive, and efficient manner, ensuring fair and responsive application of the principles of due process, transparency, openness, impartiality, and voluntary nature of standards."¹

But we found that these cherished principles are not upheld in the handling of 1N7506 and 1N7537. The action and non-action in the handling of these two proposals by and in JTC1 is not in accordance with the Statutes and Rules of Procedure and the ISO/IEC Directives; and are not in the best interests of the international community.

As a P-member of ISO/IEC, China National Body has the obligation to protect the image and integrity of ISO/IEC.

Chinese National Body will not participate in further discussion of this meeting because of the irregularities and misconducts we have described in this document and other documents we have presented to ISO/IEC JTC1 SC6 in the past several months.

Chinese National Body will start the appeal process immediately and will also report to our government.

¹ ISO Code of Ethics.