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Dear members,

At the November 2012 JTC 1 Plenary meeting, the JTC 1 SWG on the Directives Secretary gave a presentation on changes to the 2012 version of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1, and the JTC 1 Supplement. She also provided explanations as to why certain changes agreed to by ISO will not be adopted by JTC 1. As these explanations are only detailed in that presentation, this document has been prepared to further articulate the decisions made.

In document JTC 1 N 11110, JTC 1 members were informed that JTC 1 would adopt the ISO policy change that allows texts that do not receive 100% approval during the DIS ballot to proceed directly to publication if the committee responsible for the project agrees that the text could skip the FDIS ballot (via a one month consultation ballot). Upon further reflection and discussion of how this change would be implemented at the September 2012 meeting of the JTC 1 SWG on the Directives, **it was decided that this change would NOT be implemented for JTC 1.** As JTC 1 utilizes the combined voting procedure that allows all members of ISO and IEC to vote on DIS and FDIS ballots, such a change to procedure is impractical and irrelevant. For a committee in JTC 1 to skip the FDIS ballot, all of ISO and IEC would need to be consulted on whether or not the document could proceed directly to publication. This consultation would not shorten the development time of a document in JTC 1, and therefore, the change will not be implemented. As this change is an ISO only change that JTC 1 will not be adopting, the JTC 1 Supplement requires no modification. This decision was subsequently supported by JTC 1 at the November 2012 Plenary meeting

ISO has also decided that the Committee Draft (CD) stage is now optional. Committees are given the choice as to whether or not a CD ballot is necessary for a project. This topic was also discussed at the September 2012 JTC 1 SWG-Directives meeting. The SWG on the Directives agreed that as there was little support and no criteria for doing so, **skipping the CD ballot should not be an option within JTC 1.** This decision was subsequently supported by JTC 1 at the November 2012 Plenary meeting. It has been decided JTC 1 will continue to have CD ballots. As this change is also an ISO only change that JTC 1 will not be adopting, the JTC 1 Supplement requires no modification.

As always, if there are any questions, please feel free to contact the JTC 1 Secretary.

Kind regards,

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