

Opening Statement of Chinese Delegation

ISO/IEC JTC1 SC6 WK1 Interim Meeting

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We have identified 10 major existing problems surrounding N7506 and N7537 that need to be resolved in this meeting.

Problem #1, the Cancellation of N7506

Five months ago, JTC1 secretariat cancelled the Chinese proposal N7506. The Chinese National Body has been trying to find the causes or justifications for this action. This is an issue that was not resolved during the Orlando Meeting.

Problem #2, the Status of N7506

Six months ago, the Chinese National Body proposed N7506. According to normal procedures, N7506 should have reached six month limit for the fast track process. However, N7506 is far behind this schedule. In fact, the proposal is falling behind in processing stages to a later introduced proposal N7537.

This is an old issue. The Chinese National Body did not press for a resolution of this issue because the causes for the cancellation were not determined.

Problem #3, the Balloting of N7537

This is a new issue. In December, the Chinese National Body found out that while N7506 remained in non-attention and non-action situation, N7537 has been pushed through CD stage and entered 40.20 (balloting stage) after the Orlando Meeting. The Chinese National Body sent letter to JTC1 and SC6 Secretariats respectively disputing this movement.

Problem #4, the Ban on the Discussion on N7537

The JTC1 Secretariat's January letter demonstrated another example of manipulating the procedures in favor IEEE proposal and in discrimination against Chinese proposal.

The letter told the Chinese National Body that according to rules, the Germany meeting is not allowed to enter formal technical discussion on N7537. However, the letter claimed, the meeting is allowed to discuss the Chinese proposal.

Problem #5, the Contradiction of two proposals

Because of the denial of visas to Chinese experts, the Orlando meeting was not able to enter discussions on the two contradicting proposals in N7506 and N7537. With the participation of

Chinese expert team and IEEE representatives and the experts from other national bodies, we believe that we should be able to find the ways to resolve this issue.

Problem #6, the Response from IEEE

A few weeks ago, IEEE 802 officers sent a letter to SC6 and the Chinese National Body. It is a response to Chinese NB's comment (N12687).

According to normal procedures, that letter should not be discussed in this meeting since it was related to 8802.11. However, in order to clear all lingering doubts on N7506 and to make efficient use of time in this meeting, the Chinese National Body does not object to discussing this letter in this meeting.

Problem #7, the Visa Denial

The visa denial of visas to Chinese experts is the reason for delaying the consideration of N7506 and N7537. Three months have passed. We hope to see a final explanation from JTC1 Secretariat.

Problem #8, Intentional Delay

From previous development of events in the past 6 months, there is a clear pattern of attempts to delay the processing of N7506. There are symptoms that this delay tactic will continue to be used in this meeting to prevent N7506 be adopted into International Standard.

Problem #9, IEEE/SC6 Agreement

In the letter to Chinese National Body, JTC1 Secretariat claimed that there was an agreement between ISO/IEC and IEEE that "all work related to Local Area Networks (ISO/IEC 8802) would be carried out via the IEEE and subsequently submitted to ISO/IEC for endorsement/approval."

This opinion is also reflected in IEEE's letter to SC6 and Chinese National Body.

The Chinese National Body doubts the accuracy of this statement. We would like find out the answer to that question from this meeting.

Problem #10, Causes for All These Problems

As everyone can see from above statements, the Chinese proposal N7506 has faced some many obstacles in the past five months with an unprecedented frequency and intensity. Old obstacles have not been removed, new obstacles are created.

The Chinese National Body has maintained a practical and cooperative attitude, trying to resolve differences. However, we are wondering: why is it so difficult for a Chinese national standard to become international standard? Why there are so many mistakes, manipulations, mistreatment, and obstructions in the process.

We believe that the problems might be resolved. But we have to dig out the roots of those

problems to prevent them from further interfering with normal and established ISO/IEC rules and procedures.