Opening Position Statement

Chinese Delegation

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Dear Mr. Ho-in Joen, our hosts France and all the participants,

On behalf of the Chinese Delegation, I appreciate those who have made great efforts in China's WAPI proposal standardization under ISO/IEC system. As a developing country, China has been always participating in the ISO/IEC standardization. From Geneva meeting to Beijing meeting, ISO/IEC officers helped us to do so. I would like to thank Secretary-General of ISO Central Secretariat, Mr. Alan Bryden for organizing Geneva meeting and Deputy Secretary-General Mr. Kevin McKinley for chairing Geneva meeting. I would like to thank the Mr. Jan Van Den Beld for convening Beijing meeting. I also thank ISO/IEC senior officers Mr. Keith Brannon, Mr. Reinhard Weissinger, Mr. Gabriel Barta, Mr. Michael A. Smith, SC 6 chairman Mr. Joon-Nyun Kim, SC 6/WG 1 convener Mr. Ho-in Jeon, France, UK, Germany and other NB delegates for their efforts in resolving the deadlock between WAPI and IEEE 802.11i proposals.

According to Geneva resolutions, SC6 meeting should make a recommendation about how to advance WAPI and IEEE 802.11i proposals. Beijing meeting made a good attempt for the merging of the

two proposals. In this SC6 meeting, Chinese NB still holds the same desire to arrive at a joint solution about WAPI and 11i, which is a best result for the international community.

The aim of our participation in ISO/IEC is not only to benefit from ISO/IEC standards but also to let the international community benefit from China's technological innovations. And, as a P-member of JTC1, China will as always do its best to contribute to ISO/IEC standards.

Currently, WAPI and IEEE 802.11i proposals are both suspended. Here, China NB would like to declare again the following positions:

1) We will continue to try our best to find proper approaches to resolve the differences between the two proposals and in order to maintain the consensus tradition we will not give up the attempt to produce a joint proposal. China NB believes that if everyone work toward this objective, it is possible to arrive at a single solution for these two proposals.

2) But we all have the responsibility to provide a timely solution for the security problems in WLAN. We need to work out a plan to make the advanced security solutions such as WAPI to the international community as soon as possible.

We believe that if we follow the consensus tradition of ISO/IEC principle, this meeting will produce a good result satisfactory to all.