

Letter to JTC1 Secretariat

Dear Lisa,

I have received your letter dated Jan. 28, 2005. On behalf of the Chinese National Body, I'd like to express our appreciation for your taking our concerns seriously and efforts to investigate the issues. Since the Frankfurt Meeting is only two weeks away, I will briefly summarize our responses to the opinions expressed in your letter.

1, On the Cancellation: Your letter expressed "sincere apologies for the administrative error and misunderstanding on the part of the JTC 1 Secretariat which apparently contributed to the start this unfortunate chain of events." We regard this as a positive step in resolving the issues by identifying the main causes of the cancellation and non-action of N7506.

2, On N7506 Status: We also concur with your view that N7506 is legitimate for Fast Track process, and it has passed the one month comment period and has entered ballot stage. However, differences remain on the timing of the ballot. We hope that this matter will be satisfactorily resolved in the Frankfurt Meeting with the help from JTC 1 Chairman, Mr. Scott Jameson, SC6 officers and other participants of the meeting.

3, On N7537 Comment Period: We cannot accept your view that the Frankfurt Meeting should not discuss N7537. Clause 9.9 does not apply in the current situation. Excluding it from formal discussion is a violation of JTC1 rules and SC6 resolutions.

4, Continued Unfair Treatment: Permitting N7506 but excluding N7537 from formal discussion is hard to understand. We believe it is another sign of unfair treatment.

5, N7537 Balloting: Please be informed that during the Orlando meeting, Chinese NB repeatedly stated that N7537 should not enter ballot stage. This can be found in Orlando meeting documents.

6, IEEE/SC6 Relationship: We are aware of those working documents (8802-1 and N11917) and have studied them carefully. However, we are facing situations that those documents do not adequately provide guidelines. More careful analysis is needed to understand Chinese NB's concerns and considerations.

7, On the Visa Problem: Since you have just started investigation, we will continue to wait for an explanation. Please note that this is reason why N7506 and N7537 were not discussed in Orlando meeting. Please also be assured that the visa problem is not "the result of late application within the Chinese system".

As you can see from above comments, although we have made some progresses in these communications, differences still remain and new differences (such as exclusion of N7537 from Frankfurt Meeting agenda) have emerged. N7506 have overcome many unreasonable obstacles in the past months, and yet newer obstacles continue to be thrown into its way. Chinese NB will make another effort to resolve all the issues in the Germany Meeting to make Germany meeting fruitful with other NBs. If this meeting fails to provide satisfactory resolutions to the issues the Chinese National Body raised, we will appeal to TMB/SMB formally.

Sincerely,