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| Proposed liaison statement to JTC1/SC6 relating to allegations about breaking rules  |
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Abstract

This document contains a proposal for a liaison statement from IEEE 802 to ISO/IEC JTC1/SC6 in relation to allegations by the China NB that the IEEE 802 violated the JTC1 Directives in relation to the ballot on the proposed SC6 Security ad hoc

## Proposed liaison letter to SC6

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CC:

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SUBJECT: Allegation that IEEE 802 violated JTC1 Directives in relation to ballot on proposed SC6 Security Ad Hoc

DATE: xx July 2017

Dear Dr Hyun Kook Kahng ,

In March 2017, the IEEE 802 sent a Liaison Statement to ISO/IEC JTC1/SC6 that expressed IEEE 802’s concerns relating to the proposed formation of a Security Ad Hoc within SC6. It was IEEE 802’s intention that the material in the Liaison Statement be made available to SC6 NB’s as they considered the proposal for the Security Ad Hoc.

While IEEE 802 sent the Liaison Statement to the SC6 Secretariat in late March 2017, technical difficulties at the SC6 Secretariat meant that it was only made available to SC6 NB’s on 10 May 2017. This was just before the ballot on the formation of the Security Ad Hoc closed on 15 May 2017.

IEEE 802 notes that the China NB subsequently protested on about 15 May 2017 that the publication of the IEEE 802’s Liaison Statement on SC6’s document server while the ballot on the formation of the Security Ad Hoc was still open was in violation of the JTC1 Directives. The China NB cited clause JA.1.1 in the *Consolidated JTC 1 Supplement 2016* in support of its protest.

IEEE 802 takes its responsibilities as a Liaison Organization very seriously and is fully committed to following the applicable rules in the JTC1 Directives. However, in this case it is IEEE 802 understanding that there is no rule in the JTC1 Directives that would disallow the uploading of its Liaison Statement. The rule cited by the China NB appears to apply only to drafts at Committee Stage and beyond, and not to proposals for the formation of an ad hoc, and thus is irrelevant in this situation. IEEE 802 would appreciate any guidance you might provide on this matter.

IEEE 802 notes that while the ballot on the formation technically passed of the Security Ad Hoc, a number of SC6 NB’s (Netherlands, US and Canada) provided significant, detailed and challenging objections in comments associated with “no” votes. It is our understanding that these comments must be resolved at a Comment Resolution Meeting (CRM). IEEE 802 representatives will be available to participate in any CRM that is held, assuming it held by teleconference. IEEE 802 requests that it is held by teleconference, at a time convenient to all interested parties.

In the meantime, IEEE 802 would like to reiterate its position that the most productive mechanism to resolve the China NB’s concerns about the security of ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802 standards is for the China NB to explain their concerns at an IEEE 802 meeting. Doing so will allow the China NB to reach all of the relevant IEEE 802 experts, rather than just one or two IEEE 802 representatives, as in the past.

The China NB are invited to explain their concerns at the next IEEE 802 plenary meeting, which will be held in Orlando, US on the 5-10 November 2017. If the China NB accepts the invitation, IEEE 802 will arrange as many special sessions as are required. Other SC6 NBs are invited to observe and participate.

Regards,

/s/ Paul Nikolich

Paul Nikolich, Chairman, IEEE 802