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DATE: 1 June 2006

Dear Mr. Holman,

Following our recent discussion in Seoul in May 2006, on behalf of Ecma International I herewith request the establishment of a category A liaison with ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC34.

Ecma International established its Technical Committee 45 to standardise Office Open XML Document Formats in 2005. TC45 has since drafted this standard: the first intermediate draft of this standard called WD 1.3 is available from

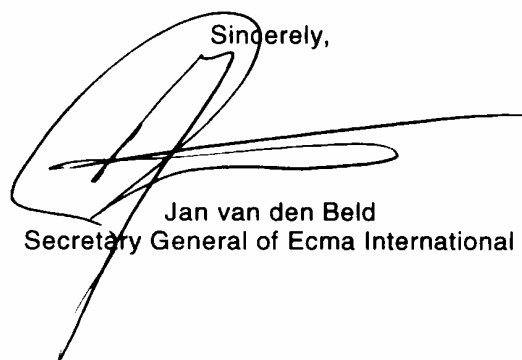
[http://www.ecma-international.org/news/TC45\\_current\\_work/TC45-2006-50.htm](http://www.ecma-international.org/news/TC45_current_work/TC45-2006-50.htm)

since end of May 2006.

In anticipation of the approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of this forthcoming standard by the December 7<sup>th</sup> 2006 Ecma General Assembly, its submission to ISO/IEC JTC 1's fast track approval procedure, and Ecma's recommendation to assign the DIS in fast track to SC34, we would like to establish Category A liaison with SC 34. Currently Ecma has A-liaison status with JTC 1.

We believe such a liaison would enable the efficient communication and effective cooperation on items of common interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'v' followed by a horizontal line and a vertical stroke.

Jan van den Beld  
Secretary General of Ecma International

**Copy to Dr. James Mason, Chairman of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 34**