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Subject: (SC22WG5.221) Responce to CD registration ballot comments  
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The following is a summary of the actions I have taken as a result of the recent CD registration ballot. (NB I am reliably informed that this was not the widespread public and national body comment ballot on the CD that is still to come)

1. US NO ballot.

The reason given for this negative ballot appears to have been based on a misunderstanding and/or a misreading of the draft. The ISO numbering scheme does not appear to distinguish between multipart standards where the parts are a primary standard and a number of mandatory ammendments, and those where there are optional collateral or auxiliary standards. It has always been the view of WG5 that the varying-string standard was of the latter type. This is already made clear in the text of Section 1, page 1, lines 16-19. However, in responce to the US concern further text clarifying the intended status of the varying-string standard as an optional auxiliary standard to IS 1539 : 1991 has been added to the CD.

2. DIN YES ballot

The comments with this ballot were all technical in character. Many of them expressing a wish to reverse or at least significantly change decisions already subjected to WG5 discussion and votes. For this reason no action has been taken on these at this point. The issues raised will however need to be considered and resolved during CD processing.

3. WG5 internal issues

At the Victoria meeting a number of issues were raised regarding this standard whose consideration was deferred pending CD ballot comments. These included some issues not raised in the above but nevertheless they will need to be resolved during CD processing.

4. Editorial mattters

A number of minor editorial corrections to the spelling, punctuation, grammar and layout have been incorporated in final version registered as the first Committee Draft.

The revised first Committee Draft has been sent to Jeanne today for forwarding to Joe Cote. I presume it will now be sent out to national bodies for full CD balloting. (I think this is excessive balloting we appear to have two three month ballots on CDs but !!!!!)

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