Standardizing Information and Communication Systems Excerpts

Minutes of the meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee

held in Geneva on 5th - 6th May 1998

Chair: Ms. V. Horsnell (Digital)

ECMA

Secretary: Mr. J. van den Beld (SG ECMA)

Attending: Mr. Bermange (Xerox), Mr. Brockway (ECMA), Mr. Cargill (Sun), Mr. French (Digital), Mr. Hartmann (Siemens), Mr. Hekimi (Toshiba & Quantum), Mr. Hofmann (IBM), Mr. Kisor (Intel), Mr. Lauri (ECMA), Mr. Laurens (HP), Mr. Lloyd (ICL/Fujitsu), Mr. Neumann (Hitachi), Mr. Statt (Lucent & NCR), Mr. Theis (Bosch Telecom), Mr. Trudgett (BT)

1 Review of the work of the TCs

The following TC Chairmen's reports were presented:

- TC12 Mr. Lauri
- TC15 Mr. van den Beld
- TC17 Mr. van den Beld
- TC19 Mr. van den Beld
- TC20 Mr. Brockway
- TC26 Mr. van den Beld
- TC31 Mr. Neumann
- TC32 Mr. Theis / Mr. Brockway
- TC36 Mr. French
- TC38 Mr. Lauri
- TC39 Mr. van den Beld

1.11 TC39 - Scripting languages

See report: TC39/98/6.

ECMA-262 has been accepted as ISO/IEC 16262. Ballot resolution will be done in a meeting on 15th June 1998.

The GA is requested to allow for a postal ballot on a 2^{nd} edition of ECMA-262 in order to keep the Standard aligned with the ISO/IEC version (16262) of this Standard.

The next version of ECMA-262, to be issued as 3rd edition, is under development.

Active participation from more company members would be highly appreciated.

A demonstration and presentation on ECMAScript are still considered of interest, and will be given to the 75th GA meeting in Redmond.

A survey done in April 1998 shows that the number of Web pages in ECMAScript - complying languages (3,5 million) is about four times higher than in three other languages Java, Active X and VBScript together.