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SUBJECT Liaison statement on use of {joint-iso-itu-t(2) upu(40)} arc

Dear Mr. Dubuisson:

I am writing in response to the liaison statement labelled as temporary document 3030/Rev 2 from UTU-T SG 17. It concerns the UPU use of {joint-iso-itu-t(2) upu(40)} arc ("top arc 40").

The UPU is truly a multinational postal standards organization. As a UN agency, the UPU is present in 189 countries. The UPU is the world-wide representative of the postal business and can as such be considered the official representative of this industry sector.

In January 1998 the UPU Standards Board approved S21, *Data Presentation in ASN.1*. The standard included the use of top arc 40 under the Joint ISO/ITU path in the context of radio frequency identification (RFID). This standard for ASN.1 notation is used by the UPU for digital postage marks, both in standard S28, *Communication of postal information using two-dimensional symbols*, and in the UPU series of RFID standards, several of which have been inputs to the work on ISO 18000.

The use of two-dimensional symbols for digital postage marks and of RFID for tracking and quality measurement is already well established within the postal industry. Though the UPU has been monitoring the work on ISO 18000 RFID standards and has the intention of updating our postal standards when these are completed, we believe that a change from the use of top arc 40 would be disruptive.

In particular, to change the registration to that of {itu-t(0) identified-organization(4)}, would require extensive revision to the UPU standards mentioned above, which are already well established. In addition, the use of this alternative would mean the loss of a byte in the identifier, which would necessitate further revision to accommodate the change in structure.

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For these reasons, we agree that the best solution at this point is to create a Recommendation/International Standard that specifies the procedures for registration under {joint-iso-itu-t(2) upu(40)}. As the official body representing postal organizations world-wide, the UPU is formally requesting to be assigned the top arc 40 and that a standard be developed for its use.

We hope that all information necessary to make a favourable decision for the UPU is now presented. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Ray Morgan
Chairman, Standards Board