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Subject: S-100 Review

Dear All,

I am writing to advise you of a change to the action I took in Ottawa to distribute S-100 for a review of the Technical Writer work. I had not realised that the timescale for distributing S-100 to all member states and stakeholders was the end of May. In order to meet this deadline and not hold up the process any further I propose that we review the separate parts of S-100, which was the plan for Ottawa, but as I explained there, the documents were only available on the Wednesday before the meeting. Therefore can I ask you to take some time to review the changes made by the TW and respond to me with any comments by at least Friday 29th May, but **earlier would be appreciated if possible**.

Here are a few points to bear in mind during this exercise:

- Only review the tracked changes, I have made sure there are no significant changes to the technical content.
- The content page for each part will be merged together in Part 0. It is impossible to maintain more than one in a M.S. Word. Remember that the final PDF will have a content list available in the side bar, making navigation easier anyway.
- The introductions have been removed from all sections and any relevant words added to the scope. In reality Part 0 already introduces each part and Tony will add an overall instruction in Part 0 at the finish of this exercise.
- Terminology has mostly been bundled into an annex for ease of reading.

As mentioned above the final version will be distributed to all M.S. and stakeholders so you will have the opportunity to further comment on the amalgamated version then.

Finally a small confession from me. Some while ago during the process of developing S-101 it became obvious that we had removed an important part of the GFM part of S-100. This was a section on rules for application schema. If I remember correctly the issue was more with the UML diagrams than the actual text which I have reinstated. I had intended posting this to the WIKI but completely forgot to. Therefore, would those of you who either part of that work group in Monaco or who can add to the discussion, please review this now. If the general consensus is that this should remain excluded I will accept this, but it is very difficult to build standardized product specifications without some rules.

Regards,

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Chairman, TSMAD