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During the 38th ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27/WG 3 meeting in Beijing, China there was a discussion on the future of the IS 15408 standard. This document presents a summary of this discussion.

The first question raised addressed the issue of privacy and if 15408 should allow the evaluation of products or systems that have security objectives related to privacy. There was a general agreement that 15408 should be able to address privacy related security objectives and the security functional requirements intended to implement those objectives. Further investigation based on real-world requirements is required to determine if additional security functional components need to be included in 15408-2. Some experts expressed strong reservations against the inclusion of new or modified components in 15408-2 that they believed result solely from theoretical research rather than real world implementations. Since 15408 allows for the definition of extended components in Security Targets and Protection Profiles, specific privacy requirements can be formulated first as such extended components and tested in real evaluations before they are suggested for inclusion within the catalogue of 15408-2 functional components.

A question was raised by a German expert if the latest contributions made by the German National Body are considered to be useful as input to a future version of 15408. Those contributions were related to the inclusion of “architectural requirements” as a new class of security functional requirements (see document N7014) and to allow the use of multiple assurance levels per evaluation (see document N6848). Both documents are viewed as useful contributions for a future version of 15408 and have been submitted by WG 3 to the CCDB for consideration. To facilitate the coordinated development of the Common Criteria and 15408, these documents are considered by WG 3 as input that should be considered by the CCDB in their work for the development of the next version of the Common Criteria.

The CCDB had informed WG 3 in the previous Liaison Statement about the plan to establish a number of workgroups that should explore areas considered as important for Version 4 of the Common Criteria. The latest Liaison Statement included the announcement of an additional workgroup on 'Implementation Assurance'. As with the previously announced workgroups, a more detailed specification of the scope of this workgroup was not provided. This makes it hard for experts of WG 3 to contribute with suggestions that fit the specific scope of one of the work groups set up by the CCDB. Experts from WG 3 expressed a wish to obtain more information about the scope of the CCDB workgroups and the status of their investigations, in order to make contributions that fit better into the current work of the CCDB.

In addition to this direct contribution to the Common Criteria as the basis for 15408, a suggestion was made to explore areas where WG 3 could set up new work items for Technical Reports that define more detailed evaluation methodologies for specific technologies. WG 3 has already developed a separate standard for the assessment of cryptographic modules, and a standard for the evaluation of biometrics that is currently out for FDIS ballot. In addition, a study period is in progress concerning the assessment of tamper protection, which also is considering an evaluation methodology for this aspect. Such Technical Reports can provide useful guidance in addition to 15408 and 18045.

There was a strong view expressed that 15408 and the Common Criteria need to be aligned in the future as they have been in the past. Divergence between 15408 and the Common Criteria is viewed as dangerous and counterproductive. Therefore WG 3 expressed its wish to maintain and improve its cooperation with the CCDB, starting from the earliest stages of this new development.