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Subject: Recommendations on X3.4 and X3.83

Action Requested: Reconsider

I talked with the NCITS Secretariat to ask (1) why L2 was asked to reconfirm X3.4 and X3.83 in 1998 when the reconfirmation was not due for several years, and (2) what are the implications of not having X3.83 available as a procedure.

1. Why was L2 asked to reconfirm X3.4 and X3.83 in 1998?

The reason was that the US had adopted ISO/IEC 646 and ISO 2375 as ANSI/ISO standards. The Secretariat questioned if the corresponding US standards X3.4 and X3.83, respectively, were still required.

2. What are the implications of not having X3.83 as a procedure?

The Secretariat identified no concerns.

Based on this new information, I make the following recommendations:

1. L2 should rescind its vote in July to withdraw X3.4 and plan to archive X3.4 as a stabilized standard when this category becomes available.
2. L2 should retain its vote to withdraw X3.83 and, in addition, make it into an L2 standing document as the US criteria and procedure for submissions to the ISO 2375 Registration Authority.

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