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ECMA

Standardizing Information and Communication Systems

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PREFACE

Information Technology, Telecommunications and Consumer Electronics are key factors in today's economic and social environment. Effective interchange both of commercial, technical, and administrative data, text and images and of audiovisual information is essential for the growth of economy in the world markets. Through the increasing digitalization both information technology, telecommunications and consumer electronics are getting more and more integrated.

Open Systems and Distributed Networks based on world-wide recognized standards will not only provide effective interchange of information but also help to remove technical barriers to trade. In particular harmonized standards are recognized as a prerequisite for the establishment of the European economic area.

For over thirty five years ECMA has actively contributed to world-wide standardization in information technology, telecommunications and consumer electronics. About 250 ECMA Standards and 75 Technical Reports of high quality have been published.

In the coming years ECMA sees important challenges for information technology, telecommunication and consumer electronics standardization, especially in the following areas:

- Multimedia
- High Speed Telecommunications
- IT Security
- Environmental Product Attributes
- High Capacity Storage Media
- Programming and scripting languages
- Computer Telephony Integration

Standardization provides the means for economical solutions for complex technologies. Moreover, it is most effective if it is performed in a precompetitive mode and parallel with product development with all interested parties involved.

ECMA standardization work has always been recognized as far-sighted and reflecting technological trends at an early stage. As a consequence many ECMA Standards have been accepted as a base for international and European Standards. To ensure close co-operation ECMA has established formal liaisons with European and international standardization bodies.

ECMA Standards are developed by highly qualified experts from information technology,consumer electronics and telecommunication industry with the commitment to provide in a consensus mode technical solutions ready for implementation in product development and conformity testing.

The benefit of ECMA membership is twofold:

- Early knowledge of technological trends and better understanding of high technology standards requirements.
- A platform where technical contributions of member companies are evaluated by experts who through a most effective mode of operation develop ECMA Standards and Technical Reports of high quality in a very short time.

The participation of the majority of leading companies in ECMA ensures not only the acceptance of ECMA Standards in European and International standardization but also their world-wide implementation.

The President, Geneva, December 1996

The Purpose of ECMA is:

- To develop, in co-operation with the appropriate national, European and international organizations as a scientific endeavour and in the general interest standards and technical reports in order to facilitate and standardize the use of information processing and telecommunication systems.

- To encourage the correct use of standards by influencing the environment in which they are applied.

- To promulgate various standards applicable in the functional design and use of information processing and telecommunication systems. Promulgation of ECMA Standards and Technical Reports shall require approval by at least two-thirds of all the ordinary members.
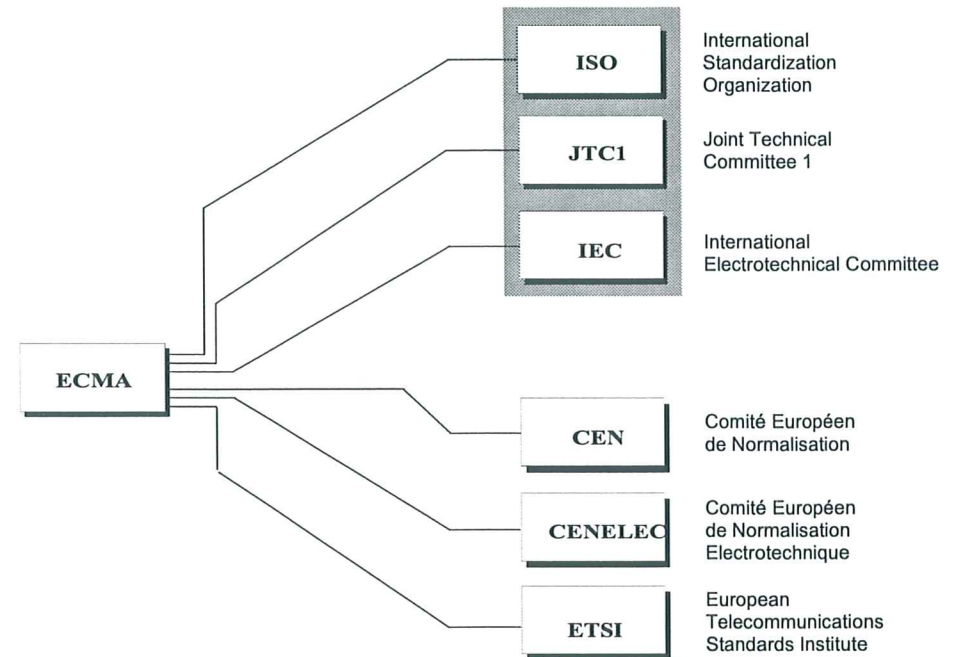
The Association shall consist of ordinary, associate and SME members, and such other classes of members as may be created by the ordinary members at a General Assembly.

Ordinary members shall be companies which develop, produce and market in Europe hardware or software products or services in the field of information technology or telecommunications used to process digital information for business , scientific, control, communication or other similar purposes. Products or services used exclusively for military purposes shall not be considered in this regard.

A company may be admitted as associate member which has interest and experience in matters related to one ore more of the Technical Committees of the Association. No company qualifying for ordinary membership can be elected associate member. A company which has similar interests as an associate member and an annual turnover of less than one hundred million Swiss Francs, may be admitted as SME member (Small and Medium-sized Enterprise).

The Association shall be a non-profit-making organization and shall devote itself to no commercial activity whatsoever.

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           Standardization
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JTC1       Joint Technical
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IEC        International
           Electrotechnical Committee

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CEN        Comité Européen
           de Normalisation

CENELEC    Comité Européen
           de Normalisation
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ETSI       European
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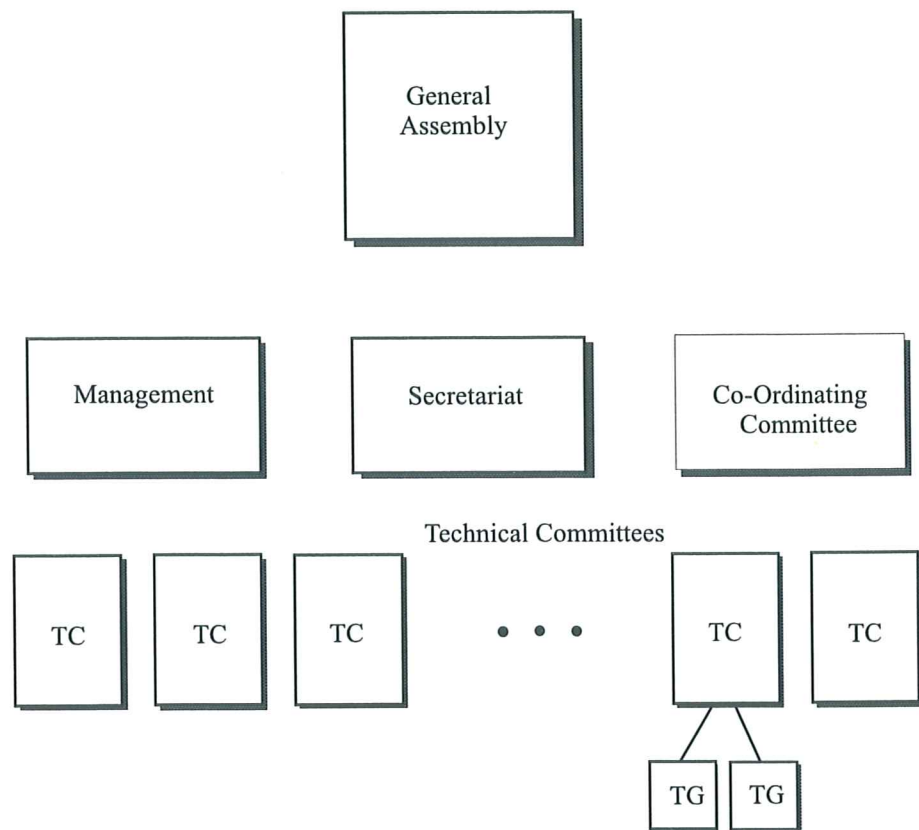
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ECMA has close working relations - such as liaisons, co-operation agreements, memberships - with European and international standardization bodies.

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TC 12 - PRODUCT SAFETY

Scope:

To consider national and international safety regulations with a view to establishing appropriate safety standards for information technology equipment so that they are intrinsically safe and safe for operating and maintenance personnel.

Programme of work:

1. To survey existing national and international standards and recommendations concerned with safety requirements.

2. To study the safety requirements associated with power control and distribution and establish recommendations where appropriate.

3. To consider short circuit and overcurrent protection, earthing, voltage exposure limits, mechanical design, etc., and establish recommendations where appropriate.

4. To assume responsibility for the maintenance of ECMA Standards prepared by TC 12.

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TC 15 - VOLUME AND FILE STRUCTURE

Scope:

To facilitate the interchange of information on media by specifying the format on the recorded structures that contain descriptive information about volumes and the files/directories recorded on the media.

Programme of work:

1. To specify volume and file structure standards for media used in interchange.

2. To specify such standards so that they are independent, where possible, of the standards for the underlying medium.

3. To constitute a coherent family of standards where possible.

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Scope:

To identify and standardize the mimimum number of parameters necessary to ensure interchangeability of magnetic tapes and tape cartridges using appropriate methods of recording and taking account of existing standards.

Programme of work:

1. To develop standards for 3,81 mm, 6,30 mm, 8 mm and 12,65/12,7 mm wide magnetic tape cartridges.

2. To monitor the revision of International Standards for magnetic tapes and tape cartridges.

3. To develop standards for algorithms for the lossless compression of data.

4. To assume responsibility for the maintenance of ECMA Standards prepared by TC17.

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TC 19 - FLEXIBLE DISK CARTRIDGES

Scope:

To identify and standardize the physical properties and the relevant track format of flexible disk cartridges for digital applications in order to ensure interchangeability.

Programme of work:

1. To identify the requirements of low-cost and compact digital data recording for data collection and data entry systems as well as for easy mailing and to review the extent to which existing designs possibly derived from existing standards in other areas, fulfil these requirements.

2. To specify the physical properties, recording method and track location of magnetic flexible disk cartridges in order to ensure interchangeability.

3. To specify the relevant track format and code representation for these disks to ensure interchangeability.

4. To assume responsibility for the maintenance of ECMA Standards prepared by TC 19.

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TC 20 - ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY

Scope:

To study the conditions necessary to guarantee reciprocal electromagnetic compatibility between information technology equipment and the external environment, to prepare corresponding standards and to contribute to international standardization.

Programme of work:

1. To survey existing international and national standards concerned with electromagnetic compatibility.

2. To establish measuring methods and limits for electromagnetic interference generated by information technology equipment.

3. To establish standards for methods of assessment and suitable levels for the immunity of information technology equipment to electromagnetic interference.

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To recommend standards for determining the noise outputs of different categories of individual items of information technology equipment intended for use in defined working environments; standards for determining total noise levels in the said working environments, these standards to include corresponding methods of measurement; preferred methods of predicting total levels if units of known noise output are installed together.

Programme of work:

1. To categorize the acoustical environments in which information technology equipment is required to work.

2. To survey the various recommendations and requirements for the acoustical environments of these areas.

3. To make recommendations for standard methods of measuring and specifying the noise output of equipment, taking into account the work of ISO/TC43.

4. To consider any special requirements that may arise during non-standard operation, e.g. servicing.

5. To consider what information should be supplied by the manufacturer to facilitate optimum installation and to make recommendations.

6. To follow developments affecting acoustical environment in places of work.

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TC 31 - OPTICAL DISK CARTRIDGES

Scope:

To identify and develop the minimum number of standards necessary for data interchange by means of optical data disk cartridges.

Programme of work:

1. To develop standards for optical disk cartridges of 80 mm, 90 mm, 120 mm (both CD and DVD), 130 mm, 300 mm and 356 mm.

2. To assume responsibility for the maintenance of ECMA Standards prepared by TC31.

3. To monitor technological developments in the field of optical disk cartridges.

4. To maintain liaison with other standards organizations in order to present ECMA proposals to them and to make comments to their proposals.

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TC32 - COMMUNICATION, NETWORKS AND SYSTEMS INTERCONNECTION

Scope:

To maintain an overall view and strategy for standardization in the field of private/corporate telecommunications, and to prepare ECMA Standards and Technical Reports required in this field. To monitor and pursue standardization at a global level with regard to ISO/IEC JTC1 and the international standardization world in general. To work together with ETSI within the framework for standardization under the terms of the Cooperation Agreement between ETSI and ECMA, for publication of European standards and technical reports. To promote unified international standards.

The field of private/corporate telecommunications includes architecture, service and protocol aspects of narrowband and broadband Private Integrated Services Networks (PISNs) applicable to Corporate Telecommunication Networks (CNs), management, and Computer Supported Telecommunications Applications (CSTA).

Programme of work:

1. To address requirements and strategic plans for standardization in the field of private/corporate telecommunications, and to align, harmonize, and as far as possible remain compatible with standards for public telecommunications as well as standards in related fields.

2. To address and resolve high-level strategic issues affecting the future direction and scope of standardization in the field of private/corporate telecommunications.

3. To be responsible for and co-ordinate the planning and work of the task groups within TC32, in particular to review and approve work items of the task groups.

4. To recommend the creation of new task groups as necessary to pursue new and evolving fields of work, and closure of task groups that have accomplished their missions.

5. To review and approve draft Standards and Technical Reports prepared by the task groups for submission to the ECMA General Assembly and onwards submission to ISO/IEC JTC1, ETSI and other standardization organizations as appropriate.

6. To maintain liaisons with other ECMA TCs working in related fields.

7. To maintain liaison with, monitor and contribute to the work of ISO/IEC JTC1, ITU-T, ETSI, the European Numbering Forum (ENF), the TTC, the ATM Forum and other international, regional and national standards organizations and consortia, to present ECMA proposals and to comment on their proposals.

8. To assist non-standards organizations in getting ECMA Standards developed and further processed, depending on TC members' agreement, and active contribution and participation from such organizations.

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TC32-TG11 - COMPUTER SUPPORTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATIONS (CSTA)

Scope:

To develop and refine a standardized Computer-Telecommunications Interface (CTI) to provide third party interactions between computer applications and the telecommunications network. This standard, known as Computer Supported Telecommunications Applications (CSTA), is specified in a number of documents available from ECMA. The specification has focussed on the needs of private telephony networks but also takes into account the requirements of other public and private networks.

Programme of work:

1. To study aspects of CSTA, with special emphasis on:

- application descriptions and scenarios;
- functional requirements for integrated telephony;
- protocol architecture appropriate for the defined scenarios;
- implications for system security and integrity;
- functional requirements for integrated data access, accounting, data input/output and other applications;
- the management of CSTA objects;
- support for PISNs/CNs and other ISDNs

2. To produce Technical Reports outlining enhanced architecture and additional services of CSTA.

3. To produce OSI Application Layer based Standards specifying the services, functional entities and protocols required to enable CSTA operation in a variety of environments.

4. To liaise with standards organisations studying similar topics including groups working within ITU-T and ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC6, to promote unified international standards.

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TC32-TG12 - PRIVATE INTEGRATED SERVICES / CORPORATE NETWORKS - MANAGEMENT

Scope:

To develop Standards and Technical Reports for the management of Private Integrated Services / Corporate Networks (PISNs/CNs), such management being based upon the work of ITU-T and ETSI on Telecommunication Management Network (TMN), adapted and extended to suit PISNs/CNs.

PISN/CN Management seeks to encompass the management of all aspects which can go to make up a PISN/CN. Thus the work seeks to integrate the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), which is commonly used for the management of equipment supporting the TCP/IP protocol, with PISN/CN management.

Programme of work:

1. To adapt and expand the set of TMN Management Service descriptions so that they can be applied to PISN/CN Management, and publish these as Technical Reports.

2. To develop an architecture to allow interworking of SNMP with PISN/CN management.

3. In collaboration with the IETF, to specify the interworking of SNMP in a PISN/CN environment.

4. To study jointly with ITU-T and ETSI the area of management interworking between PISNs/CNs and public networks so as to develop suitable specifications.

5. To establish a set of instructions which is compatible with ETSI and ITU-T to guide the development of management information to be exchanged at PISN/CN Management interfaces.

6. To adapt and extend TMN management information models to be suitable for a PISN/CN environment, and develop new models as appropriate.

7. To monitor and to contribute to the work of other international and European bodies studying matters related to PISN/CN Management.

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TC32-TG13 - PRIVATE INTEGRATED SERVICES / CORPORATE NETWORKS - NETWORK ARCHITECTURE, NUMBERING, NAMING AND ADDRESSING

Scope:

To develop Standards and Technical Reports for narrowband and broadband architectural aspects, naming, numbering and addressing of Private Integrated Services / Corporate Networks (PISNs/CNs).

Programme of work:

1. To develop architectural Standards for the connection of terminals, computers, and Wide Area Networks (WANs) to a PISN/CN, utilising, and remaining compatible with, existing Standards and recommendations, as far as possible.

2. To develop Standards for architectural functions and numbering of PISNs/CNs, including their impact on public network numbering, thereby enabling interconnected PISN/CN equipment to co-operate in a multi-vendor environment within the PISN/CN, with public ISDNs, and with other public network infrastructures.

3. To co-operate with other standardization bodies in the development of Standards for the architecture, naming, numbering and addressing of PISNs/CNs in relation to:

- interconnection of PISN exchanges;
- connection of terminal equipment (TE);
- interconnection with LANs;
- interconnection with private and public WANs.

4. To co-ordinate liaison with ITU-T, ISO/IEC JTC 1, ETSI and the ENF in the field of PISN/CN architecture and numbering.

5. To monitor and to contribute to the work of other international and European bodies studying matters related to PISN/CN architecture, numbering and addressing (e.g. ISDN, LAN and ATM developments).

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TC32-TG14 - PRIVATE INTEGRATED SERVICES / CORPORATE NETWORKS - SERVICES AND SIGNALLING

Scope:
To develop Standards and Technical Reports for services and signalling in Private Integrated Services / Corporate Networks (PISNs/CNs).

Programme of work:
1. To develop service Standards and interface protocol signalling Standards for the connection of terminals, computers, LANs and Wide Area Networks (WANs) to a PISN/CN, utilising, and remaining compatible with, existing Standards and recommendations, as far as possible.

2. To develop Standards for intra-PISN/CN services and signalling protocols, thereby supporting harmonized telecommunications services on multi-vendor PISNs/CNs, and to align these services as far as possisble with the public ISDN telecommunications services.

3. To co-operate with other standardization bodies in the development of Standards for the services and signalling of PISNs/CNs in relation to:

- interconnection of PISN exchanges;
- connection of terminal equipment (TE);
- interconnection with LANs;
- inteconnection with private and public WANs.

4. To develop Standards for the Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 aspects of PISN/CN services.

5. To co-ordinate liaison with ITU-T, ISO/IEC JTC 1 and ETSI in the field of ISDN services and protocol standards.

6. To monitor and to contribute to the work of other international and European bodies studying matters related to PISN/CN services (e.g. ISDN and LAN developments).

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TC32-TG15 - BROADBAND PRIVATE NETWORKS

Scope:

To develop Technical Reports and Standards for signalling and other aspects in broadband private networks.

Programme of work:

1. To identify requirements of broadband private networks on architecture, modelling, addressing, etc. and to co-operate with the responsible task group (e.g. TC32-TG13) or standardization body, in order to achieve, where necessary, Standards or Technical Reports in these areas.

2. To adapt, where necessary, existing service standards (e.g. those developed for basic and supplementary services of narrowband private networks) to the requirements of broadband private networks, in co-operation with other task groups and standardization bodies.

3. To promote a worldwide unique set of standards for broadband private networks.

4. To develop standards for intra-broadband private network signalling protocols for basic call, generic procedures, supplementary services and additional network features, thereby supporting harmonized broadband telecommunication services on multi-vendor broadband private networks.

5. To develop standards for future broadband-specific services and features.

6. To co-ordinate liaison with ITU-T, ETSI and the ATM Forum in the field of B-ISDN protocol standards.

7. To monitor and to contribute to the work of other international and European bodies studying broadband matters, in particular ITU-T, the ATM Forum, ISO/IEC JTC1 and ETSI.

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TC 33 - PORTABLE COMMON TOOL ENVIRONMENT (PCTE)

Scope:

To standardize a Public Tool Interface (PCTE : Portable Common Tool Environment) implementable on a wide range of operating environments, to ensure a suitable foundation for portable, integrated tools and tool sets for systems engineering. To standardize the specification of data interchange facilities required to interchange data between PCTE repositories or between PCTE and non-PCTE repositories. To standardize schemas allowing data to be shared between tools in a given PCTE repository.

Programme of work:

1. To work with ISO/IEC JTC1 to attain global approval for and to maintain actively the ECMA PCTE standards.

2. To define the abstract specification and bindings of new services in the domain of:

- object orientation, and
- high performance access to fine grain objects.

3. To develop new bindings and standardize them through ECMA and other standardization bodies as appropriate.

4. To produce the standard specification of a facility allowing two different repositories (of which at least one complies with PCTE) to exchange their data.

5. To facilitate the sharing of data between tools by producing the standard specification of PCTE schemas covering systems engineering domains, in liaison with appropriate standardization bodies.

6. To maintain Technical Report ECMA TR/55, specifying a reference model for CASE frameworks, in liaison with the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

7. To maintain Technical Report ECMA TR/66, Mapping of PCTE to the ECMA/NIST Frameworks Reference Model.

8. To maintain Technical Report ECMA TR/69, specifying the Reference Model for Project Support Environment, in liaison with the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

9. To maintain liaisons with appropriate TCs of ECMA and with other standardization bodies and industry consortia with the goal of enhancing PCTE.

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Scope:

1 To provide a framework for the standardization of security evaluation criteria for commercial and governmental IT products and systems.

2 To provide a framework for the provision of logical (as opposed to physical) security in an Open System environment including relevant management functions.

Programme of work:

1. To develop a framework covering those areas for which security evaluation criteria can be standardized.

2. To prioritize the areas identified within the framework with emphasis on the criteria covered by the Common Criteria.

3. To develop, within this framework, a set of standards for such criteria based on established criteria such as the Common Criteria.

4. To maintain liaison with other standards organizations in order to present ECMA proposals to them and to make comments on their proposals.

5. To liaise with the relevant working groups in ISO/IEC JTC 1 SC21 and SC27, as well as ITU-T regarding security in Open Systems and the promotion of security standards developed by ECMA, including assisting ECMA Standards submitted for fast track processing.

6. To maintain ECMA Standards and Technical Reports on Security.

7. To advise other ECMA groups of work items with regard to security.

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TC38 - PRODUCT-RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES

Scope:

To identify and describe the environmental attributes related to ICT (Information and Communication Technology) products, during their entire life cycle, from conception to end-of-life treatment.

The objective is to obtain a regime acceptable to the ICT industry.

Programme of work:

1. To develop recommendations, e.g. Standards, on environmental attributes and the presentation thereof for ICT products.

2. To monitor the development of environmental standards, regulations, conformity schemes and other requirements related to ICT products.

3. To promote and maintain ECMA Standards covering product-related environmental attributes. To comment on standards and regulations from outside organizations.

4. To establish and maintain close liaison with other organizations and other fora working in the same or similar fields of activity.

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TC39 - SCRIPTING LANGUAGES

Scope:

To standardize the syntax and semantics of a general purpose, cross platform, vendor-neutral scripting language.

Programme of work:

1. Develop scripting language standards.

2. Contribute Ecmascript standard to ISO/IEC JTC 1.

3. Upon completion of item 1, to investigate the future direction of Ecmascript standards, and to evaluate and consider proposals for complementary or additional technology.

4. To maintain liaison with appropriate other ECMA TCs and TGs

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LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Art. 1

CONSTITUTION AND HEAD OFFICE

1.1
ECMA, a European association for standardizing information and communication systems, has been constituted according to these By-Laws and Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

1.2
The Headquarters of the Association is in Geneva.

Art. 2

PURPOSE

2.1
The purpose of the Association is:
2.1.1
To develop, in co-operation with the appropriate national, European and international organizations as a scientific endeavour and in the general interest standards and technical reports in order to facilitate and standardize the use of information processing and telecommunication systems.
2.1.2
To promulgate various standards applicable in the functional design and use of information processing and telecommunication systems.

2.2
The Association shall be a non-profit-making organization and shall devote itself to no commercial activity whatsoever.

Art. 3

MEMBERSHIP

3.1
The Association shall consist of the following classes of members:
- ordinary members
- associate members
- SME members (Small and Medium sized Enterprises)
- any other class of members as may be created by the ordinary members at a General Assembly.

3.2
A proposed member will not be accepted if it holds at least 50 per cent of the capital of an existing member nor if at least 50 per cent of its capital is held by an existing member.

3.3
No two or more companies where at least 50 per cent of whose capital is held by the same company, which is not a member itself, may be members but must be represented by one company only.

3.4
Additional classes of members, established according to Article 3.1 shall have such qualifications and be entitled to such rights and privileges and have such obligations as shall be determined at a General Assembly by a majority of two thirds of all the ordinary members.

3.5
Companies shall be admitted to any class of membership by a majority of all ordinary members.

3.6
Membership fees for all classes of membership are decided in accordance with Rule 8.

3.7
Membership shall be terminated in the cases set out in Art. 5.

3.8
Ordinary members

3.8.1
Ordinary members shall be companies which develop, produce and market in Europe hardware or software products or services in the field of information technology or telecommunications used to process digital information for business, scientific, control, communication or other similar purposes. Products or services used exclusively for military purposes shall not be considered in this regard.

3.8.2
Applications for ordinary membership will not be accepted unless the proposed member develops, produces and markets some major product or service as defined in Art. 3.8.1 which is not basically a copy of that of an existing ordinary member.

3.8.3
The representative of each ordinary member will have one vote in the General Assembly.

3.9
Associate members

3.9.1
A company may be admitted as an associate member which has interest and experience in matters related to one or more of the Technical Committees of the Association.

3.9.2
No company qualifying for ordinary membership can be elected associate member.

3.9.3
A prospective associate member shall declare the Technical Committees in whose work it proposes to take part.

3.9.4
An associate member is fully entitled to participate in the work of the authorized committees and receive all relevant papers. In addition it may be authorized to participate in the work of such other committees as may be decided by the General Assembly.

3.9.5
Representatives of the associate members shall have the right to take part in the discussions at the General Assembly.

3.9.6
Associate members have no vote in the General Assembly.

3.10
SME Members

3.10.1
A company may apply for SME membership if its annual turnover is less than 100,000,000 Swiss Francs.

3.10.2
A company may be admitted as an SME member which has interest and experience in matters related to one or more of the Technical Committees of the Association.

3.10.3
A company qualifying for ordinary membership may apply for SME membership provided it meets the conditions of Art. 3.10.1.

3.10.4
SME members may apply for ordinary or associate membership provided they meet the appropriate conditions set out in Articles 3.8 or 3.9.

3.10.5
A prospective SME member shall declare the Technical Committees in whose work it proposes to take part.

3.10.6
An SME member is fully entitled to participate in the work of the authorized committees and receive all relevant papers. In addition, it may be authorized to participate in the work of such other committees as may be decided by the General Assembly.

3.10.7
Representatives of the SME members shall have the right to take part in the discussions at the General Assembly.

3.10.8
SME members have no vote in the General Assembly.

Art. 4
ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS

4.1
Application for membership shall be made to the Secretariat.

4.2
Decisions on compliance with conditions shall be made by a two-thirds majority of all the ordinary members.

4.3
When it has been decided that the conditions are complied with, the applicant shall be admitted to the relevant class of membership.

Art. 5
TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

5.1
Membership shall be terminated in the following cases:

a. Withdrawal upon written notice given to the Secretary General, to take effect on receipt.
b. The company ceasing to exist.
c. The conditions for membership set forth in Articles 3.2 and 3.3 of the present By-Laws no longer being complied with.
d. If, in the opinion of two thirds of all ordinary members, an ordinary member no longer complies with Articles 3.8.1 and 3.8.2. In this instance the non-complying ordinary member is eligible to apply for associate or SME membership according to the conditions of Article 3.9 or Article 3.10 as appropriate.
e. By expulsion for violation of By-Laws and Rules or for any other conduct prejudicial to the interest and correct functioning of the Association.

5.2
No member may be expelled for failure to adhere to one or several agreed standards.

5.3
Any proposal to expel a member must be backed by at least one-fifth of all the ordinary members. The proposal to expel must be on the agenda for the General Assembly at which it is to be discussed so as to give the member the opportunity to present its case.

5.4
A two-thirds majority of all the ordinary members is necessary to expel a member. Such expulsion will become effective 15 days after notification by registered mail.

5.5
Notwithstanding Article 4.3 a member which has been expelled can only be re-admitted on a two-thirds majority of all ordinary members.

Art. 6
STRUCTURE

6.1
The Association shall consist of:
a. The General Assembly.
b. The Management.
c. The Co-ordinating Committee.

6.2
The General Assembly of the ordinary members shall be the highest authority of the Association. It shall control the Association and appoint and control its Management.

6.3
The Management shall consist of a President, a Vice-President and a Treasurer. The Management shall be discharged by the President or, if circumstances require, by the Vice President.

6.4
The President and the Vice-President shall be individuals elected for one year by the ordinary members at a General Assembly. Only representatives of ordinary members can be nominated. The President and the Vice-President can be re-elected any number of times provided that neither serves more than two consecutive years.

6.5
The President shall, through his signature, commit the Association in any business or transaction directly connected with the purpose of the Association.

6.6
There shall be a Treasurer whose duty shall be determined by the General Assembly. The Rules set out in 6.4 shall apply to his office, except that there shall be no limit in the number of consecutive years in office.

6.7
The Co-ordinating Committee shall comprise 6 members and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the formation, activities, reorganization or dissolution of Technical Committees.

Art. 7
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7.1
The President will each year call at least two ordinary General Assemblies of the ordinary members. Written notice of the time and place of the Assembly shall be given at least thirty days before the date of the Assembly. The Agenda and supporting documents for the Assembly shall be circulated at least fifteen days before the Assembly.

7.2
Unless otherwise restricted by these By-Laws or the Rules of the Association, any action required or permitted to be taken at an Assembly may be taken without a meeting, provided that no ordinary member opposes such a procedure within 20 days from the mailing date.

7.3
Special General Assemblies for any purpose or purposes unless otherwise prescribed by these By-Laws or the Rules of the Association may be called by the President, and shall be called by him, at the request in writing of at least one-fifth of all the ordinary members. Such request shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed assembly. The business transacted at any special assembly shall be limited to the purposes stated in the notice.

7.4
Written notice of Special General Assemblies stating the time, place and object thereof, shall be given to each ordinary member at least twenty days before the date of the Assembly and shall include the agenda and supporting documents for the Assembly.

7.5
A majority of all the ordinary members must be present or represented by proxy at any General Assembly, in order to constitute a quorum for transaction of the business except as otherwise provided by these By-Laws or the Rules of the Association.

7.6
Unless otherwise prescribed by these By-Laws or the Rules of the Association, the vote of the majority of all the ordinary members shall decide any question.

Art. 8
PROMULGATION OF STANDARDS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

8.1
Promulgation of such documents by the Association shall require approval by at least two-thirds of all the ordinary members.

8.2
Proposed drafts shall be circulated by the Secretary General at least two months in advance of the General Assembly at which they will be voted upon.

8.3
It is not obligatory for members to follow any standard.

8.4
All documents when approved shall be made available to all interested parties without restriction.

Art. 9
AD HOC COMMITTEES

9.1
The General Assembly may delegate authority for specific purposes to ad hoc committees. The tasks, terms of reference and membership of these committees will be adopted if a majority of all the ordinary members assent.

9.2
Unless otherwise decided at the time of its appointment each ad hoc committee may co-opt additional members should it so desire.

9.3
No ad hoc committee may meet for more than one year without being reappointed.

Art. 10
SECRETARIAT

10.1
There shall be a permanent Secretariat of the Association responsible to the General Assembly.

10.2
A Secretary General shall be appointed by the General Assembly and shall be responsible for the operation of the Secretariat.

Art. 11
TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

11.1
Technical Committees (TCs) will be formed by the Secretary General when so decided at a General Assembly.

11.2
Any ordinary member may participate in any TC.

Art. 12
FISCAL YEAR

12.1
The fiscal year shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31.

Art. 13
FINANCE

13.1
The annual budget of the Association shall be approved by at least two-thirds of the ordinary members present or represented at an ordinary General Assembly.

13.2
The Association shall be financed by an equal levy on all ordinary members and half this levy on all associate members. The fees are set by the ordinary members during an ordinary General Assembly and based on the current year budget. Such fees shall be used to finance the activity of the Association and its administrative expenses and shall not be returnable.

13.3
The Secretary General will be responsible for expenditures within the budget.

13.4
The President may authorize expenditures outside the budget to an amount not exceeding 10 per cent of the corresponding item in the current year budget. Any expense above this must be approved by the ordinary members.

Art. 14
DISSOLUTION

14.1
In the event of the dissolution of the Association, its assets are first used to discharge its liabilities. Any balance of liability shall be borne by the members in proportion to their annual fees. Any surplus funds remaining after the liabilities have been discharged will be distributed to those which are members at the date of dissolution in proportion to their total contributions to the Association.

Art. 15

AMENDMENTS

15.1
The By-Laws and any Rules that may be adopted by the General Assembly can only be modified at an ordinary or special General Assembly. The proposed amendments must be included in the agenda and notified to the members according to the provisions of Articles 7.1 and 7.4.

15.2
Amendments shall require two-thirds approval of all the ordinary members.

Art 16

LITIGATION

16.1
Any dispute arising during the life of the Association or during its dissolution either between the members of the Association and its Management or between the members and the Association or between the members themselves as a consequence of the Association's activity shall be decided upon by the Courts of the Canton of Geneva. Swiss law is applicable in all cases.

1.

LANGUAGE

1.1
The English language, as written in the United Kingdom, will be the official language of the Association.

2.

SYSTEM OF MEASUREMENTS

2.1
The metric system of measurements will be used.

3.

MINIMUM PERIOD OF MEMBERSHIP

3.1
There is no minimum period of membership.

4.

REPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS

4.1
Each member shall designate the name of one of its officers or executives who shall represent them in General Assemblies and who shall have full authority to commit the member on all matters concerning the Association. Members shall notify the Association of any changes in their representation.

5.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

5.1
Representatives may invite additional individuals from their respective member company to participate in an advisory capacity at a General Assembly.

5.2
The members entitled to attend and vote at a General Assembly may be represented by a proxy. A written proxy shall be established indicating the item or items of the agenda to which it is restricted.

5.3
The President or in his absence the Vice-President shall preside at all General Assemblies. In absence of both, the members present or represented by proxy shall elect a Chairman for that particular meeting.

6.

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

6.1
An ad hoc Committee consisting of individuals elected by the General Assembly will be set up under the name of Co-ordinating Committee (CC), whose terms of reference will be as follows:

6.1.1
To prepare terms of reference for new Technical Committees in accordance with the rules for the formation of a Technical Committee.

6.1.2
To nominate a provisional Chairman and Vice-Chairman for each new Technical Committee.

6.1.3
To review from time to time the terms of reference given to Technical Committees.

6.1.4
To have every six month meetings with Chairmen of Technical Committees at which the progress of the TCs will be reviewed and co-ordinated.

6.1.5
To make recommendations to the disbandment of Technical Committees.

6.1.6
To provide assistance to the Management as and when required.

6.2
The members and the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee shall be individuals elected for one year at a General Assembly by the ordinary members. The Chairman shall be eligible for re-election, subject to a maximum term of office of 3 consecutive years. The other members can be re-elected any number of times. Only representatives of ordinary members can be nominated.

7.
TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

7.1
Formation of Technical Committees (TCs):

7.1.1
TCs will be formed by the Secretary General (SG) when so decided at a General Assembly.

7.1.2
Any proposal for the setting up of a TC must give the suggested terms of reference, including the scope, and be sent to the SG.

7.1.3
The CC shall nominate a provisional Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

7.1.4
The SG shall then convene the first meeting of the TC.

7.2
Operating procedure of TC-Rules and recommendations for the TCs:

7.2.1
Members of TCs are:
- representatives of ECMA member Companies,
- other participants invited by the SG at the request of the TC or of the Management.

7.2.2
Members Companies of ECMA are entitled to send one or more representatives to any TC. These representatives shall be employees of the member Companies.

7.2.3
Voting on any matter shall be by simple majority of TC members present at the meeting. Each member Company has only one vote. Several invited participants belonging to one organization, have only one vote between them.

7.2.4
One-time visitors can attend a meeting only at the special invitation of the SG at the request of the TC. They have no voting rights.

7.2.5
It is recommended that in the course of its ordinary work the TC should not use voting unless it is impossible to make progress without a vote.

7.2.6
The provisional Chairman and Vice-Chairman nominated by the CC shall act for an initial period which shall be not less than 6 months from the date of the first meeting and which shall include the first 3 meetings.

7.2.7
At the first meeting of the TC which takes place after the end of the initial period, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected from among the member Company representatives.

7.2.8
The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, having been elected from among the member Company representatives, shall hold office for a term of 12 months. They shall be eligible for re-election, subject to a maximum term of office of 3 consecutive years.

7.2.9
Meetings of the TCs shall be conducted by the Chairman, according to the By-Laws and Rules of ECMA. An officer of the Secretariat shall act as Secretary at all TC meetings. The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Secretary and shall act for the Secretary if the latter is unable to attend.

7.2.10
Agenda for meetings of the TCs shall be prepared by the Chairman and an officer of the Secretariat taking into account suggestions made by members of the Committee. The agenda shall be circulated to all members 3 weeks before each meeting; at the opening of the meeting it can be modified if wanted and must be approved.

7.2.11
The SG shall be responsible for the preparation of minutes of the meetings.

7.2.12
The minutes shall be distributed by the SG within 3 weeks to all members of the TC, to the Chairmen of all TCs, to the official representatives of the member companies, and to the members of the CC.

7.2.13
The first item on the agenda of each TC shall be the amendment and approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting. The minutes, after approval, shall constitute the official record of the meeting of a TC.

7.2.14
Any suggestions for the amendment of terms of reference of TCs shall be addressed to the SG for discussion between the TC Chairman and the CC.

7.2.15
The Chairman is responsible for the preparation of a semi-annual report for each TC: He will be assisted by the Vice-Chairman and an officer of the Secretariat in this task and the report will be submitted to the General Assembly. The report will contain a description of the results achieved to date and an outline of the work to be carried out during the next year.

7.2.16
This report will be circulated to all members of the TC for approval.

7.2.17
Any member of a TC has the right to ask for a minority report to be submitted if he so desires.

7.2.18
The work of all TCs will be discussed every 6 months at a meeting of the CC and the SG at which meetings the semi-annual report will be presented.

7.2.19
First priority in discussion at the meetings of the TCs must be given to items on the agenda.

7.2.20
Under no circumstances should any technical contribution be decided upon at a TC meeting unless it has been circulated to all Committee members at least 3 weeks before the meeting.

7.2.21
In the interest of economy and efficiency, meetings may be held in Geneva.

7.3
Task Groups (TGs)
7.3.1
A Technical Committee may form TGs for the accomplishment of specific tasks within the scope of the TC.

7.3.2
At least two members of the TC shall agree to take an active part in the work of a TG.

7.3.3
Terms of reference of the TG shall be included in the minutes of the meeting of the Technical Committee at which the TG has been formed.

7.3.4
TGs shall report at each meeting to the TC on their activities; these reports shall appear in the minutes of the TC.

7.3.5
The Convenor of a TG shall be appointed by the TC upon nomination by the TG. He shall be eligible for re-election, subject to a maximum term of office of 3 consecutive years.

7.3.6
In the interest of economy and efficiency, meetings of TGs may be held in Geneva.

8.
MEMBERSHIP FEES

The nominal membership fee shall be based on an estimate for the current year's operating expenses with adjustments for any deviation between the estimated and actual expenses for preceding years. Although the Association shall be non-profit making, reserves may be accumulated if so decided by the General Assembly. The General Assembly will decide the nominal membership fee for the following fiscal year and the annual fees payable by each class of membership shall be as follows:
Ordinary members: The full nominal fee;
Associate members: One half of the full nominal fee;
SME members: One quarter of the full nominal fee.

8.2
Any new member shall pay the full annual fee for its membership class for the fiscal year in which it is admitted as a member.

8.3
Every member on the date of the General Assembly, which decides on the budget and nominal fee for the following fiscal year, shall pay the full annual fee appropriate to its class of membership for that year.

8.4
Any withdrawing member shall pay a fee for the fiscal year following the year of withdrawal. This fee shall be equal to the annual fee for the appropriate membership class for the year of withdrawal. Representatives of a withdrawing member may continue to attend Technical Committee meetings and to receive all technical papers during the full fiscal year following the year of withdrawal.

9.
OPERATING EXPENSES

9.1
Operating expenses of the Association shall consist of salaries, travel and office expenses of the Secretariat and publication costs.

9.2
Expenses of members including those connected with ad hoc committees, TCs and TGs are not part of the operating expenses of the Association.

9.3
The Secretary General of ECMA is responsible to the Treasurer for the operating expenses of the Association.

9.4
The general accounting of the Secretariat will be reviewed once a year by an Auditor appointed by the Treasurer and approved by the General Assembly.

CODE OF CONDUCT IN PATENT MATTERS

1.
POLICY

General Declaration:
The General Assembly of ECMA shall not approve recommendations of Standards which are covered by patents when such patents will not be licensed by their owners on a reasonable and non-discriminatory basis.

1.1
In case the proposed Standard is covered by issued patents of ECMA members only:
Members of the General Assembly are asked to state the Company licensing policy with respect to these patents.

1.2
In case the proposed Standard is covered by issued patents by non ECMA members: A written statement from the patentee is required, according to which he is prepared to grant licences on a reasonable, non-discriminatory basis.
The General Assembly and/or the Management shall decide in this case which steps must be undertaken in order to obtain such a statement.

1.3
In case the proposed Standard is covered by patent applications of ECMA members (which is not known, neither during the work of the TC nor at the time of the vote in the General Assembly):

1.3.1
Each member of the TCs and/or of the General Assembly of ECMA will determine whether any proposed standard may be covered by any patent for which his company has a pending application; if such a patent application exists, his continued participation to the relevant committee will imply that such a patent, when obtained later, will be made available from his company for licensing on a reasonable, non-discriminatory basis.

1.3.2
Each member of the TCs and/or of the General Assembly of ECMA will determine whether any proposed standard may be covered by any patent for which his company has a pending application; if such a patent application exists, the favourable vote of the Company to the General Assembly will imply that such a patent, when obtained later, will be made available from his company for licensing on a reasonable, non-discriminatory basis.

1.4
In case the proposed Standard is covered by patent applications of third parties (which is not known during the work of the TC nor at the time of the vote in the General Assembly):
In this case practically nothing can be done at the time of the vote. When afterwards said patents are issued, it should be tried to obtain reasonable, non-discriminatory licences. If this proves to be impossible, the standard will have to be cancelled.

2.
PROCEDURE

2.1
The questions related to protective rights are in the competence of the General Assembly of ECMA and should not be discussed at the TC level.

2.2
Each draft standard shall be submitted two months ahead of a General Assembly, by registered mail. All members are required to state no less than 2 weeks before the GA or the end of the postal voting period whether they claim any issued protective rights covering the subject matter of the proposed standard and/or have knowledge of such rights of third parties.

2.3
Replies to this request will be circulated in due time before the General Assembly.

2.4
When an answer is not received from a Company, the General Assembly may proceed to a vote on the assumption that this Company will act in accordance with the General Declaration, that is to license possible relevant issued patents on a reasonable and non-discriminatory basis.

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ECMA-7	7 Bit Code in Punched Cards (April 1965)	ISO 1113
ECMA-8	Nominal Character Dimensions of the Numeric OCR A Font, 2nd Edition (January 1977)	ISO 1073-1
ECMA-9	FORTRAN (April 1965)	ISO/IEC 1539
ECMA-10	Data Interchange on Punched Tape, 2nd Edition (July 1970)	ISO 1113
ECMA-12	Data Interchange on 9-Track Magnetic Tape at 32 bits per mm (800 bpi), 2nd Edition (June 1970)	ISO/IEC 1863
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ECMA-18	Printing Line Position on OCR Single Line Documents, 2nd Edition (January 1977)	ISO 1831
ECMA-19	Coding of Character Sets for MICR and OCR (June 1969)	ISO 2033
ECMA-20	Implementation of the ECMA 7 Bit Coded Character Set on Punched Cards (June 1969)	ISO 1113
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ECMA-25	Representation of 8-Bit combinations on 12-Row Punched Cards (June 1970)	ISO 6586

ECMA-26	Recovery Procedures (An Extension to the Basic Mode Control Procedures for Data Communication Systems) (April 1971)	
ECMA-27	Abort and Interrupt Procedures (An Extension of the Basic Mode Control Procedures for Data Communication Systems) (April 1971)	
ECMA-28	Multiple Station Selection Procedures (An Extension of the Basic Mode Control Procedures for Data Communication Systems) (April 1971)	
ECMA-29	Conversational Information Transfer (An Extension of the Basic Mode Control Procedures for Data Communication Systems) (September 1971)	
ECMA-30	OCR B Subsets for Numeric Applications, 2nd Edition (March 1976)	
ECMA-31	Mechanical Safety Requirements for DTA Processing Machines (September 1971)	
ECMA-32	Mechanical, Physical and Magnetic Characteristics of Interchangeable 6-Disk Packs (September 1971)	
ECMA-33	Track Format Characteristics of Interchangeable 6-Disk Packs (September 1971)	ISO 3561
ECMA-34	Data Interchange on 3,81 mm Magnetic Tape Cassette (63 ftpmm, Phase Encoded at 32 bpmm), 3rd Edition (September 1976)	ISO 3407
ECMA-36	Data Interchange on 9-Track Magnetic Tape at 63 bpmm (1600 bpi) Phase-Encoded (December 1971)	ISO/IEC 3788

ECMA-37	Supplementary Transmission Control Functions (An Extension of the Basic Mode Control Procedures for Data Communication Systems) (June 1972)	
ECMA-38	Mechanical, Physical and Magnetic Characteristics of Interchangeable Single Disk Cartridges (Top Loaded) (September 1973)	ISO 3562
ECMA-39	Track Format Characteristics of Interchangeable Single Disk Cartridges (Top Loaded) (September 1973)	ISO 3563
ECMA-40	High-Level Data Link Control Procedures (HDLC) - Frame Structure, 3rd Edition (January 1980)	ISO/IEC 3309
ECMA-42	Alpha-numeric Character Set for 7x9 Matrix Printers (December 1973)	
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ECMA-45	Data Interchange on Magnetic 12-Disk Packs (100 Mbytes) (September 1975)	ISO 4337
ECMA-46	Data Interchange on 6,30 mm Magnetic Tape Cartridge (63 bpmm, Phase Encoded) (March 1976)	ISO 4057
ECMA-47	Limits and Measurements Methods for Radio Interference from EDP Units (March 1976)	
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ECMA-58	Flexible Disk Cartridge Labelling and File Structure for Information Interchange (August 1979)	
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ECMA-72	Transport Protocol (January 1981)	ISO/IEC 8073
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Connected to Telecommunication Networks
(December 1986)

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HISTORY OF ECMA

By 1959 the growing use of computers, built by several different manufacturers, showed the necessity for standardization in operational techniques, such as programming, and also input and output codes. Such standards would make it possible to use data prepared for, or even by, a computer made by one manufacturer to be on a computer made by another with the minimum of alteration. Also it would avoid duplication of work in the preparation of, for example, programming languages by several manufacturers.

Though certain National Bodies had, before 1960, started work on standards in this field, e.g. paper tape and codes, there did not appear to be collaboration between them, nor between the manufacturers themselves. Different countries may have different requirements, so that it may not be necessary to have the same standards everywhere, but the standards should at least be compatible.

With the object of co-ordinating such work, the Heads of the Companies of longest standing in Europe in the data processing field (Compagnie des Machines Bull, IBM World Trade Europe Corporation and International Computers and Tabulators Limited) sent a joint letter to all the known computer manufacturers within Europe, inviting these companies to send representatives to a meeting. This meeting was held on April 27, 1960, in Brussels; it was decided that an association of manufacturers should be formed which would be called European Computer Manufacturers Association, and a Committee was nominated to prepare the formation of the Association and to draw up By-Laws and Rules.

By December 1960 the form that the Association would take was fairly well defined and it had been decided that the headquarters should be in Geneva to be near the headquarters of the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission. In May 1961 the Association officially came into being and all those Companies which attended the original meeting became members. The constituent assembly was held on 17th June 1961.

Just prior to the official registration of ECMA, it was invited to be represented at a Round-Table Conference to be held in Geneva organized by ISO and IEC to discuss standardization in the general field of computers. This meeting resulted in the formation of TC97 and in the organization of its own Working Groups, and ECMA was asked to become a liaison member. In 1987, when TC97 became part of ISO/IEC JTC1, ECMA became A-liaison member of JTC1.

To reflect the international activities of the ECMA organization the name was changed in 1994 to: ECMA - An international Europe-based industrial association for standardizing information and communication systems.

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