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**Source:** CEN/ISSS Director

**Title:** Liaison request from Standards South Africa

**Agenda item:**

**Document for:** Decision

### **1. Introduction**

We have received an approach from Standards South Africa requesting a liaison with CEN/ISSS WS/eCAT. Standards South Africa has an overall partnership with CEN (with a status of “corresponding member”), and is already active in the field covered by the CEN/ISSS Workshop.

### **2. Liaisons in CEN/ISSS Workshops**

The conclusion of liaison arrangements is a matter for individual Workshops. They may be one or two-way. In general, we would expect Workshops requiring “outward” liaisons to appoint a named individual who is from a registered participating company or organization to carry out this liaison. In the “inward” sense, the liaison body, or its formal nominee, has the right to receive all Workshop documentation, to submit documents and provide comments, and to attend all meetings. However, the liaison status does not give the right to a formal participation in the consensus process or in the taking of any formal decisions by the Workshop (unless of course an individual liaison representative is also a registered participant in their own right).

### **3. The liaison proposal**

Standards South Africa has established a national Technical Committee for terminology (SANS TC37) to develop national standards in this field. It has come to the attention of the South African Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology that the work within WS/eCAT will be of particular interest and relevance to the SANS TC, and therefore liaison status is requested.

We propose the Workshop agree to this request, and invite SANS TC37 to nominate a representative to be included on the Workshop mailing list.