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## **ITI Contribution**

As reported to the October 2007 JTC 1 Plenary Meeting in Australia, the Special Working Group on Accessibility (SWG-A) has completed its work in accordance with the Terms of Reference established for the activity. The work included the development of a Proposed Draft Technical Report (PDTR) containing important information relative to the accessibility of Information and Communications Technology for people with disabilities and age-related limitations.

We note that the PDTR has already been referenced and utilized in international ICT accessibility standards activities, including the European Commission's Mandate 376 initiative and the U.S. Access Board's Telecommunications and Electronic and Information Technology Advisory Committee on Section 508. It is reasonable to assume that other national and international bodies may also wish to take advantage of and utilize the substantial body of work contained within the PDTR. Accordingly, we believe that it is important that the JTC 1 ensure that the Technical Report remains current, relevant and readily available.

To accomplish this, we propose that the SWG-A continue as an active entity under the auspices of JTC 1, and be tasked with the following:

1. To monitor and maintain the Technical Report
2. To schedule and host biennial, fully accessible teleconferences, as needed, to review and consider proposed changes or additions to, or comments on, the Technical Report's User Needs Summary and Standards Inventory
3. To identify additional opportunities to share the Technical Report, as appropriate, and
4. To continue to provide subject matter expertise to ISO and JTC 1 relative to the accessibility of their respective web sites and related content.