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Government of India
Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
Department of Information Technology
Electronics Niketan
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New Delhi-110003

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Constitution of "Specialist Committee for the policy framework on Open Standards" for the Project "Standards in eGovernance"


The undersigned is directed to say that with the approval of Secretary, DIT, "Specialist Committee on Open Standards" for the Project "Standards in eGovernance" has been constituted to evolve the policy document on open standards. Composition of this specialist committee is as follows:

1. Shri P. Dhakne, Distinguished Scientist, BARC, Mumbai, **Chairperson**
 2. Shri U.S. Mahalingam, Director, CARE
 3. Prof. S.V. Raghavan, Deptt. Of Comp. Sc. IIT-Madras
 4. Prof. Siva Kumar, Deptt. Of Comp. Sc. IIT-Mumbai
 5. Shri Gopa Kumar, Head, Computer Science Division, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram
 6. Mrs. Renu Budhiraja, Scientist 'F'/HOD & Apex Body Convener, e-Gov, DIT
 7. Dr. C. Chandramouli, Secretary IT, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
 8. Shri Ghanta Subbarao, President of IEG, AP
 9. Smt. Neeta Shah, Director, GIL, Govt. of Gujarat
 10. Shri K.R. Jyothi Lal, Special Secretary IT, Govt. of Kerala
 11. Mrs. Suchitra Pyarelal, Technical Director, NIC **Member-Secretary**
2. The Terms of Reference (TOR) "Specialist Committee for the policy framework on Open Standards" are as follows:
- a. The objectives of formulating the Policy on Open Standards is to
 - i) Ensure interoperability
 - ii) Enable and facilitate Data preservation
 - iii) Avoid vendor lock-in and maximize technology choice
 - iv) Promote cost effective solutions
 - v) Ensure Integrated service delivery

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- b. Based on the above objectives, the Committee will evolve a suitable policy document comprising of
 - i) Policy statement
 - ii) Principles for adoption of Open Standards - (key principles)
 - iii) Guidelines for adoption of open standards
 - iv) Migration strategy
 - v) Roles and responsibilities.
- c. To do the above, the Committee will use the white paper prepared by NIC as the base document.
- d. The Committee will submit its policy document by 30th April 2007.


(M. M. Kathuria)
Joint Director

To

1. All members of the Committee
2. Group Coordinator, e-Governance Group, DIT
3. DG (NIC)
4. SD (TKS)/Sci.'F'(RB)/JD (MMK)