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générales et équipement*



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Introduction

The aim of this International Standard, prepared at the request of the International Association of Conference Interpreters (AIIC) and the Joint Service Interpretation-Conferences (JSIC) of the European Commission (EU), is to provide optimal conditions for simultaneous interpretation using mobile booths.

The design of a mobile booth is governed by four requirements:

- a) acoustic separation of different languages spoken simultaneously;
- b) good visual and two-way audio communication between the interpreters and the participants in the meeting;
- c) adequate working conditions for the interpreters, whose booths are their work-place, such as to enable them to sustain the intense effort of concentration required throughout the day's work;
- d) ease of handling and assembly and of lightweight, yet sturdy construction.