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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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Introduction

In ISO/TC 223's business plan version 1 from 2006-11-24, the scope of ISO/TC 223 is defined as international standardization in the area of societal security, aimed at increasing crisis and continuity management and capabilities through technical, human, organization, operational, and management approaches as well as operational functionality and interoperability, as well as awareness amongst all interested parties and stakeholders.

ISO/TC 223 will work towards international standardization that provides protection from and response to risks of unintentionally, intentionally, and naturally caused crises and disasters that disrupt and have consequences on societal functions. The committee will use an all-hazards perspective covering the phases of emergency and crisis management before, during, and after a societal security incident.

ISO/TC 223 will address and supplement issues not currently addressed by other technical committees or international bodies with which ISO has formal agreements.

From this scope, it is clear that ISO/TC 223 has set its goals to develop International Standards in the area of societal security that will relate to crisis and continuity management from a number of different angles, among them the following:

- the cause of the crisis; the cause of the crisis relates to intentional (i.e. crime or terror), unintentional, i.e. accidents caused by persons, and natural;
- the phase of the crisis; the phase of the crisis is defined as before, during and after;
- the elements of the management of the crisis; these elements include technical, human, organizational, operational and management.

In addition, the scope of ISO/TC 223 is unique from a typical technical committee in that ISO/TC 223 has taken a holistic approach to the International Standards to be developed and the emphasis is on developing deliverables that will contribute to improving the resilience of society. The work is not to be focused on a specific type of International Standard, i.e. a management system, terms, a specification, or to be focused on a specific technological field or capability, but in regards to the contribution the International Standard has to the resilience of society with the condition that the subject of the International Standard is not currently being addressed by other technical committees or international bodies with whom ISO has formal agreements.

To achieve its goals, ISO/TC 223 has established, at the beginning of its activities, three working groups to develop a framework document, vocabulary and an incident management framework which was called command and control, coordination and cooperation. In addition to these three WGs, the TC established a task group which focused on setting a base for the development of relevant management system standards. This task group evolved and became a fourth WG which focused on developing management system International Standards for societal security related events, i.e. emergency management, crisis management, business continuity management. ISO/TC 223 did not focus on technical capabilities and the needs for technical International Standards until the establishment of the Ad-hoc group on societal security technological capabilities was created.

The need for including the development of technically oriented International Standards in the field of societal security in the scope of ISO/TC 223 was voiced and advocated by Israel from the stage when the first draft of the business plan was prepared. The logic was that the deliverables of ISO/TC 223 should give a complete solution for security and equipment and, therefore, security systems are a vital piece of the equation.

Based on this, in its 2008 spring plenary meeting held in Seoul, ISO/TC 223 passed a resolution to form the Ad-hoc group (AHG1) to conduct a six-month study in which the key societal security technological domains will be identified and recommendations made to the TC on how to deal with them.