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From: [Michael Mudd](#)
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Dear Sir / Madam ,

On behalf of the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) I write to ask your support the approval of ECMA International's 376 Open XML standard as a global standard which is currently being reviewed as ISO/IEC DIS 29500.

The ICT industry recognizes the increasing importance of systems and software interoperability to enable business processes and government services to change and grow. Further, the ICT sector is responding to these needs. There is a high level of interoperability in today's information technology sector and it is constantly improving. Indeed, it is in the interest of the information technology industry to ensure that the industry continues to respond to customer needs in this area.

For this reason we believe that the adoption of global industry driven standards are vital for the IT industry to thrive. Our members believe that approval of ECMA376/ISO DIS29500 (Open XML) by the ISO/IEC as an open standard alongside others such as ODF and PDF, and if China submits it -also UOF. Such standards - made available to all without payment of any royalty - will be a key advancement to the ICT industry and provide critically needed choice in the document format space allowing for greater vendor independence and fostering interoperability.

Competition among multiple open document standards will enhance innovation in document formats and increase flexibility and interoperability all to the benefit of software consumers. The approval of DIS29500 as an open standard will ensure that digital content is more efficiently stored and managed today as well as into the future. Furthermore, we believe that Open XML is in no way contradictory any other international document standards in the same way that the ISO supports multiple standards for imaging such as GIF, TIFF, and JPEG; all meet particular users differing needs.

We believe that approval of this standard will benefit the ICT industry, public agencies and consumers by fostering greater innovation and flexibility and choice in document formats.

For this reason, we urge you to voice your support for ISO/IEC ratification of DIS29500 to the JTC1 Secretariat through your national standards body.

For 25 years, CompTIA has been dedicated to advancing the growth of the information and communication technology (ICT) industry and those working within it. With more than 22,000 member companies in 102 countries. CompTIA is a leading global ICT trade association with influence in all areas of the ICT industry. Headquartered in Chicago, CompTIA also has offices in Beijing, Bratislava, Brussels, Dubai, Düsseldorf, Hong Kong, Johannesburg, London, New Delhi, Sao Paulo, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto and Washington, D.C.

CompTIA's goal is to provide a unified voice, global advocacy and leadership, and to advance industry growth through standards, professional competence, education and business solutions by representing the international computing technology community.

We thank you for your support on this matter and for your important and ongoing contributions to the ICT industry. If we can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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