

## **Ecma International Technical Committee 45 (TC45) External Liaison Report**

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Ecma International Technical Committee 45, TC45, was created to produce a standard for Office Open XML. Its membership consists of software developers of producers and/or consumers, and users. This standard, ECMA-376, was adopted by Ecma in December 2006. In January 2007, it was submitted to ISO/IEC JTC 1 using the Fast-Track mechanism, where it became DIS 29500. This project was assigned to JTC 1/SC 34.

Following the DIS ballot, a 5-day Ballot Review Meeting (BRM) was held in Geneva, CH, on 2008-02-25/29. Although the final vote on DIS 29500 passed, a number of appeals were lodged.

Ecma TC45 and JTC 1/SC 34 have had an active liaison in place since May 2006, with TC45 delegations participating to JTC 1/SC 34 plenaries. TC45 has been represented and active in the two IS 29500-related Ad Hoc Groups created by SC 34 at its April 2008 plenary, and TC45 sent a delegation to the Ad Hoc 1 Group meeting in London, UK, on 2008-07-21/22. Should 29500 be published as an IS, TC45 looks forward to collaborating actively with SC 34 members on maintenance and evolution of the standard.