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**Title:** Request to form a Category C liaison between ISO/IEC JTC1/SC17 and NFC Forum

**Status:** SC17 has received a request from the NFC forum to establish a liaison with SC17/WG8. The request letter is attached. This will be issued to SC17 as a two month ballot. If the ballot is successful then the request will be forwarded to JTC1 for ballot. If the JTC1 ballot is successful then the request will be forwarded to ITTF for initiation. In line with other liaisons, this liaison will be subject to annual review. The closing date for the SC17 ballot will be the 30th of April 2012.

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**Request to form a Category C liaison between ISO/IEC JTC1/SC17 and NFC Forum**

Dear Mr. Starr,

The NFC Forum would like to request a liaison with ISO/IEC JTC1/SC17.

The NFC Forum is creating implementation specifications to bring Near-Field Communication (NFC) technology to consumer devices such as mobile phones, laptops and TVs. In addition, the NFC Forum has established a Certification Program to ensure conformance to NFC Forum specification to enable interoperability between NFC devices certified by the NFC Forum.

The technical architecture promoted by the NFC Forum is built on a number of base standards, including the ISO/IEC 14443 family. Therefore it is of great interest and value to the NFC Forum to be aware of the ongoing work in ISO/IEC JTC1/SC17/WG8, and to collaborate on topics that are of common interest to both organizations and are important for the interoperability of devices.

Please see below the information required for liaison formation as per JTC1 Directives:

**Identification of the requester:**

NFC Forum, Inc. 401 Edgewater Place, Suite 600; Wakefield; MA 01880 USA

**Reason for Liaison:**

Keeping ISO/IEC JTC1/SC17/WG8 and NFC Forum updated on pending and future developments (i) in ISO/IEC 14443 ; and (ii) in NFC Forum specifications.

**Type of Liaison:**

Category C. Alignment on ongoing technical work, and request for or exchange of comments on both sides on specific technical matters, are likely by means of exchange of written liaison statements between the appropriate groups.

We do not anticipate each organization to attend regular technical meetings of the other organization.

Whilst fully supporting the objective contained in the ISO/IEC Directives that “liaisons shall operate in both directions” the NFC Forum, for IPR and confidentiality reasons, does not usually allow representatives of liaison organisations to join its regular technical meetings. So, being anxious to fulfil this important criteria, should liaison status be approved by ISO/IEC JTC1 the NFC Forum undertakes to invite the SC17 liaison representative to those of its meetings or parts of its meetings that are relevant to the liaison matters between SC17 and the NFC Forum or if that is not possible under the NFC Forum’s constitution to hold a special liaison meeting between the two organisations to address those matters.

**Identification of Liaison representative:**

Koichi Tagawa, Chairman of the NFC Forum ([Koichi.Tagawa@nfc-forum.org](mailto:Koichi.Tagawa@nfc-forum.org))

**Restrictions:**

- 1) NFC Forum policies generally do not allow sharing of complete draft documents with liaised organizations. Communication and information exchange is done using ‘Liaison Statements’, i.e. documents that are created specifically for communication with a liaised organization. Such ‘Liaison Statements’ may also contain relevant parts of draft specifications.
- 2) Representatives from liaised organizations can only attend meetings on special request on a case-by-case basis. There is no general right to attend NFC Forum meetings.

The NFC Forum is confident that forming a liaison is in the interest of both organizations. We anticipate that ISO/IEC JTC1 SC17 will be able to accept our request to form a liaison taking our requirements and restrictions into account. This arrangement has worked well between the NFC Forum and other organizations in the past.

Please let me know if you need any additional information,

Sincerely,  
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