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Subject: Transmittal of IPC017-03 – Draft Agenda for the October 2, 2003 ANSI International Policy Committee (IPC) Meeting for Consideration at the October 2003 INCITS (InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards¹) Standards Policy Board Meeting

IPC017-03

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For Information

DRAFT AGENDA - ANSI INTERNATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE (IPC²) MEETING

Wednesday, October 2, 2003

9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

SECTION 1 OPENING ITEMS

... SECTION 2 ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2. Development of an Overarching ANSI International Policy Strategy**
- 2.1 Report on the U.S. Department of Commerce Initiative to Increase U.S. Competitiveness and its Related Roundtables**
- 2.3 ISO/IEC Overarching Issues**
- 2.3.1 ISO/IEC/ITU-T World Standards Cooperation (WSC)**
- 2.3.2 Global Relevance**
- 2.3.3 IEC Alternative Voting Procedures Initiative**
- 2.4 ANSI's International and Regional Outreach Efforts**
- 2.4.1 Europe & and the ANSI Regional Standing Committee for Europe/Middle East/Africa**

Included as a topic under this item are a discussion on a paper recently issued by the Washington Legal Foundation, authored by ANSI Board member Dr. William E. Kelly entitled "Resolving Standards Conflicts Key to U.S.-Europe Foreign Trade", provided as document [IPC024-03](#). **In addition to this paper is another recently released report from the Washington Legal Foundation, following up on a report issued earlier this year. This latest installment in WLF's educational Working Paper publication series, "Unscientific 'Precaution: Europe's Campaign to Erect New Foreign Trade Barriers", (provided as document [IPC025-03](#)) was written for WLF by international trade law expert Lawrence A. Kogan on behalf of the National Foreign Trade Council.** Though no action is required, IPC members are encouraged to express their views on these papers.

¹ INCITS is the primary U.S. focus of standardization in the field of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), encompassing storage, processing, transfer, display, management, organization, and retrieval of information. As such, INCITS also serves as ANSI's Technical Advisory Group for ISO/IEC Joint Technical Committee 1. JTC 1 is responsible for International standardization in the field of Information Technology.

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