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National Body Comment from Standards Australia International (Australian National Body)**Australian Contribution to the SC37 Plenary Meeting:**

Following a meeting of the Australian SC37 mirror committee, IT-012-03, Australia proposes that SC37 should set up a new Working Group on Facial Recognition, to support new work items such as that proposed by the US in JTC1/SC37 N10. Australia is willing to provide a Chair for this group, from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Australia may also provide secretariat services for the proposed Working Group, although the resourcing of such an arrangement is currently under discussion.

Australia supports the establishment of new work items proposed by the US National Body in JTC1/SC37 N5-N12, but notes the need to have a Category A liaison with SC17/WG3 in application domains such as those proposed under 37N5, 37N6 and 37N7, where there is potential for duplication of work between SC37 and SC17.

Australia notes that the scheduling of the SC37 plenary coincides with a meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organisation Technical Advisory Group on Machine Readable Travel Documents New Technologies Working Group in Rotorua, New Zealand. SC37 meetings should be scheduled to avoid clashing with meetings of groups with a similar ambit, such as SC17 working groups and ICAO groups.