Bureau teleconference draft discussion and action items

Wednesday, 20 March 2013 GoToMeeting session (9:30-10:35 CET)

Participants:

Bureau:

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Items	Discussions
Decisions	None
Status of documents for Plenary	 Agenda has been published on Plenary site in English. Reports from Asian and African rapporteurs have been received. Rec. 14 document received feedback from UNCITRAL and from secretariat, a new draft is under preparation
PDA Reports on projects and developments	Trade and Transport: An updated draft document prepared for ITPD suggesting how recommendations are developed and on roles and responsibilities of project leaders. Supply Chain Management Proposal document on CCL 3.0 has been circulated to Bureau, to be decided at next Bureau call. But in coming weeks the work may be suspended, due to Easter holidays. Discussion on project plans was not finalized. A call on this issue might allow finalizing the project before Easter. Regulatory ESCAP organized their yearly meeting last week; a draft agreement on facilitating cross border trade in Asia-Pacific region will be formulize. It will conform to recs and standards of UN/CEFACT in this area. In some 10 days will be circulate to the Bureau. Sectoral IEC overlap on CC activities in utilities domain – agreement on TC57 area covering CCs – will be harmonized and results will be brought back to CEFACT environment, issue may come back when Library maintenance team has to harmonize it. Methodology and Technology NDR for 2.1 –a valid proposal submitted. It is under discussion in BPS. Scott Hinkelmann has resigned as project leader of the UN/CEFACT Context Methodology project; request for someone to take over role has been announced in PDA. Maintenance of EDIFACT procedures: there is confusion between documenting existing procedures and preferred practice. The principles of the procedure need to be looked at closely; an annex should contain the specification of the parties involved in the process; similarly to previous document CEFACT/1999/ED001. The Bureau has to decide on the issue first and then to take actions as agreed during the special Bureau call. A meeting to discuss this issue can be organized during the Forum.
BPS Reports	UN/CEFACT Forum 14 days ago L&L proposals was sent to Bureau, decision is waited. A solution need to be found quickly.
Secretariat Report	TC68 will have ballot to decide on proposed liaison, and wants to know the subjects of specific interested of UN/CEFACT

Any other Business	Letter to EEC drafted will be sent out asap
Proposed next meeting	Wednesday, 27 March 2013 from 9:30 CET