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Dear Mr. Borde,

This is to acknowledge receipt of the French position paper. This document will first be considered at the WG 3 meeting in Redmond from next Friday for recommendation to the SC 2 plenary.

Thank you.

Regards,

Toshiko Kimura  
SC 2 Secretariat

At 04:14 1998-03-13 -0500, J.M. BORDE wrote:

Dear Madame, this message is to confirm that French national body strongly supports the ISO/IEC Draft standard 8859-15. Despite the fact that we support firmly the IS 10646 Standard, the French national body considers that the transition time necessary to implement it on all existing stations, the important existing market pressure to solve immediately the problem of the minimal multilingual handling necessary at least for correct interoperability (cultural and educational exchanges, electronic mailing, electronic business and commerce), the full correct use of the major languages of the various EC countries, the correct handling of the new Euro currency unit sign, urges the adoption of such part 15 of 8859. We expect that there will be no further procedural delay, the CD having been adopted by a very large number of countries, and that it will be possible to process it to the next document status stage after being adopted as resolution at the end of the meeting.

Unfortunately, Mr Bernard Chauvois for health reasons will not be able to attend the next SC2 meeting in Redmont USA. The French National Body gives mandate to Mr. Alain la Bont\$Bq(Jof CANADA to present this contribution and to vote for our country during the debate about this item at this meeting.

Hoping that this forthcoming will be really fruitful for all the attendees. Sincerely yours. JM.  
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