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Demystifying the TMB

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TMB decision making - 1

When confronting an issue or trying to solve a problem.....

- Each TMB Member will consult nationally, sometimes even regionally or internationally, in order to formulate their view
- However, the TMB as a whole will also **collectively** ask an important question

TMB decision making - 2

That question is:

What is good for ISO?

- What is good for all ISO Members?
- What is good for the TCs, the Chairmen and the experts?
- What is good for the quality of international standards?

TMB decision making - 3

The TMB asks these questions because:

ISO's image and actions reflects on all standards bodies

- Upholding the principles of standardization (openness, transparency, consensus) is a collective responsibility

A personal view

I joined the TMB about one year ago and found:

- The TMB is consensus driven
- The TMB believes in the value of international standardization
- The TMB genuinely appreciates the work of the TCs and the Chairmen

Onerous tasks / difficult decisions

- The TMB always strives to reach reasonable, consensual decisions,
- You will sometimes wonder why we have set you a particular task or why we have made a particular decision,
- Especially if it implies an added burden on Chairs and Secretariats

Reason

The reason is always that...

**...we believe it will be for the overall good of ISO
and beneficial to all concerned.**

As Chairmen, we hope you share that goal.