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It has come to our attention that following the resignation of the Prussian Cultural Foundation as ISBN Registration Authority (RA) there has not been formal appointment of the International ISBN Agency as the new RA for the ISBN standard. As stipulated in Resolution 2 of N395 for the Washington DC meeting in 2004, the SC 9 has agreed to the transfer of the ISBN RA from the Prussian Cultural Foundation (Germany) to the International ISBN Agency (England). That resolution stated:

Resolution 2: New Registration Authority arrangements for ISO 2108, Information and documentation – International Standard Book Number (ISBN) SC 9 resolves to nominate the not-for-profit organization funded and governed by the ISBN registration agencies as the Registration Authority for ISO 2108 and International ISBN Agency, effective April 1, 2006 (or earlier if necessary to ensure the continuance of ISBN administrative functions), subject to formal approval of the new arrangements for the International ISBN Agency by the ISBN agencies at their meeting in Berlin on 4-5 November 2004. SC 9 further resolves that this nomination be forwarded to ISO's Technical Management Board, as soon as the above-mentioned International ISBN Agency becomes a legal entity, for formal appointment as the ISBN Registration Authority under contract with ISO.

On behalf of SC 9, I respectfully request that the ISO Technical Management Board approve the assignment of the ISBN-RA and that a contract to manage this relationship be negotiated by the ISO Central Secretariat.

If there is anything I can do to expedite this process, please contact me.

With kindest regards,

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