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JP 1				ge	<p>In the NP proposal for this project (SC22 N4698), the scope of this standard is explained as follows.</p> <p>Scope</p> <p>This International Standard uses a language and environment neutral description to define the application program interfaces (APIs) and supporting data structures necessary to support the signing of code and executables. It is intended to be used by both application developers and systems implementers.</p> <p>Regrettably, the current draft (SC22 N4781) does not follow this plan. It does not have any concrete requirements on APIs or data structures. It simply contains a few vague guidelines probably to be followed by human operators.</p> <p>Based on this observation, Japan disapproves the CD. It seems useless to have such a standard. However, Japan considers that a standard on code signing is necessary and the intended scope in the NP proposal is appropriate.</p>		<p>Changes have been made throughout the working draft that aligns it with the NP proposal. Of particular note regarding the APIs, requirements have been added in clause 6.</p> <p>Conformance with the standard requires the APIs outlined in Clause 6 to be specified. It was agreed at meeting number 26 of WG 23 that specific definitions of APIs and data structures could be done in later revisions of IS 17960.</p>

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