**NEW WORK ITEM PROPOSAL**

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A proposal for a new work item within the scope of an existing committee shall be submitted to the secretariat of that committee with a copy to the Central Secretariat and, in the case of a subcommittee, a copy to the secretariat of the parent technical committee. Proposals not within the scope of an existing committee shall be submitted to the secretariat of the ISO Technical Management Board.

The proposer of a new work item may be a member body of ISO, the secretariat itself, another technical committee or subcommittee, or organization in liaison, the Technical Management Board or one of the advisory groups, or the Secretary-General.

The proposal will be circulated to the P-members of the technical committee or subcommittee for voting, and to the O-members for information.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Proposals without adequate justification risk rejection or referral to originator.

Guidelines for proposing and justifying a new work item are contained in Annex C of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1.

**Proposal** (to be completed by the proposer)

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**Title of the proposed deliverable.**

(English) Management System for Quality of Private Security Company Operations - Requirements with Guidance

(French) (if available)
**Scope of the proposed deliverable.**

This proposed International Standard *(Standard)* provides the principles and requirements for a Quality Assurance Management System *(QAMS)* for Private Security Service Providers including Private Security Companies (collectively “PSCs”) to provide quality assurance in all security related activities and functions while demonstrating accountability to law and respect for human rights. The *Standard* provides auditable criteria and guidance consistent with the “Montreux Document on Pertinent International Legal Obligations and Good Practices for States related to Operations of Private Military and Security Companies during Armed Conflict” of 17 September 2008 and the “International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers” *(ICoC)* of 9 November 2010. This *Standard* provides a means for PSCs, and their clients, to provide demonstrable commitment and conformance with the aims of the Montreux Document and the principles outlined in the ICoC, as well as enhance the security and protection of stakeholders.

This *Standard* provides a framework for establishing, implementing, operating, monitoring, reviewing, maintaining and improving the management of their products and services. It is particularly applicable for any type of land-based PSC operating in circumstances of weakened governances where the rule of law has been undermined due to human or naturally caused events.

This *Standard* is applicable to any PSC that needs to:

a) Establish, implement, maintain, and improve a QAMS;

b) Assess its conformity with its stated quality assurance management policy;

c) Demonstrate its ability to consistently provide services that meet client needs and are in conformance with applicable international law, local laws and human rights requirements;

d) Demonstrate conformity with this *Standard* by:

   I. Making a self-determination and self-declaration;

   II. Seeking confirmation of its conformance by parties having an interest in the organization (such as clients);

   III. Seeking confirmation of its self-declaration by a party external to the organization; or

   IV. Seeking certification/registration of its QAMS by an independent and accredited external organization.

The generic principles and requirements of this *Standard* are intended to be incorporated into any organization’s management system based on the PDCA model; it is not intended to promote a uniform approach to all organizations in all sectors. The design and implementation of quality assurance plans, procedures and practices should take into account the particular requirements of each organization: its objectives, context, culture, structure, resources, operations, processes, products and services.

Note: The *International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers* *(ICoC)* (Section One) defines Private Security Companies and Private Security Service Providers as “any Company (as defined in this Code) whose business activities include the provision of security services either on its own behalf or on behalf of another, irrespective of how such Company describes itself”. In this *Standard*, a distinction is made between Private Military Companies (PMCs) which work in military and conflict settings to offer direct tactical military assistance and land-based Private Security Companies (PSCs). This *Standard* ONLY applies to PSCs and DOES NOT apply to PMCs.
If a draft is attached to this proposal:

Please select from one of the following options (note that if no option is selected, the default will be the first option):

- □ Draft document will be registered as new project in the committee's work programme (stage 20.00)
- □ Draft document can be registered as a Working Draft (WD – stage 20.20)
- □ Draft document can be registered as a Committee Draft (CD – stage 30.00)
- ☑ Draft document can be registered as a Draft International Standard (DIS – stage 40.00)

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A statement from the proposer as to how the proposed work may relate to or impact on existing work, especially existing ISO and IEC deliverables. The proposer should explain how the work differs from apparently similar work, or explain how duplication and conflict will be minimized.

There is no potential overlap or conflict with other existing or planned ISO or non-ISO international standards, or those at the national or regional level, as there are no initiatives on any of these levels to develop a MSS to address private security service providers engaged in land-based operations. The work is proposed to be conducted by a Project Committee given that ISO currently does not have any technical committees that address issues related to the provision of private security services, particularly armed security services. Nor do any current ISO technical committees contain the breadth of expertise from client, service provider and civil society communities necessary to successfully develop this Standard.
A listing of relevant existing documents at the international, regional and national levels.

The relevant reference materials are:

1) Montreux Document On Pertinent International Legal Obligations and Good Practices for States Related to Operations of Private Military and Security Companies During Armed Conflict (09/2008);

2) International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers (ICoC) (11/2010);


Relevant documents relating to United Nations and International Human Rights publications are extensively referenced in the bibliography of ANSI/ASIS.PSC.1:2012.

No other national or international standards have been developed to address the issues addressed in this proposed standard.
A simple and concise statement identifying and describing relevant affected stakeholder categories (including small and medium sized enterprises) and how they will each benefit from or be impacted by the proposed deliverable(s)

Given the sensitive nature of the subject, it was important to assure balance of the stakeholders; therefore, the technical committee needs to be evenly balanced with equal representation of:

- 1/3 Clients and users of security services (governmental and non-governmental including NGOs, development and relief organizations, mining and extraction companies, businesses, etc.)
- 1/3 Providers of security services (large, medium and small enterprises)
- 1/3 Civil society, international humanitarian law and human rights organizations (including NGOs, international lawyers, academics, rights advocates, community groups, etc.)

A large pool of technical experts who are direct representatives of the affected parties from the different geographical regions have been identified and contributed to the efforts to develop the ANSI/ASIS PSC series of standards. These stakeholders would likewise be identified for the ISO process.

The sanctity of human life is the paramount underlying principle of this Standard. PSCs, and their clients, have an obligation to protect the lives and safety of both internal and external stakeholders (including the community at large). By using this Standard, PSCs can better understand the risks they face and preemptively develop strategies that will:

a) Manage risk posed to the lives and property of those whom they are contractually obligated to protect;

b) Support the objectives of the Montreux Document on Pertinent International Legal Obligations and Good Practices for States related to Operations of Private Military and Security Companies during Armed Conflict and the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers (ICoC);

c) Demonstrate commitment, conformance, and accountability to respect human rights, laws, and fundamental freedoms;

d) Reduce risk and support the business and operational mission; and

e) Successfully manage an undesirable or disruptive event by developing a strategy and action plans to safeguard its interest and those of its clients and other stakeholders.
**Liaisons:**
A listing of relevant external international organizations or internal parties (other ISO and/or IEC committees) to be engaged as liaisons in the development of the deliverable(s).

- Amnesty International
- ASIS International
- Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)
- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- International Institute for Humanitarian Law (IIHL)
- International Stability Operations Association (ISOA)
- Pan African Security Association (PASA)
- Security Association for the Maritime Industry (SAMI)
- Security in Complex Environments Group (UK industry association)
- The Fund for Peace
- United Nations
- ISO/TC 8 Ships and Maritime Technology
- ISO/TC 176 Quality Management
- ISO/TC 262 Risk Management

**Joint/parallel work:**
Possible joint/parallel work with:
- [ ] IEC (please specify committee ID)
- [ ] CEN (please specify committee ID)
- [x] Other (please specify) This proposal relates to the adoption by ISO of an existing standard at the DIS level within the framework of a Project Committee.

**A listing of relevant countries which are not already P-members of the committee.**
It is proposed the work be conducted by a Project Committee. The technical committee that developed the ANSI/ASIS.PSC.1:2012 was comprised of more than 200 experts from 24 countries. There are 42 Signatory Countries to the Montreux Document and 464 Signatory Companies from 60 countries to the ICoC. These would be approached to participate in the Project Committee.

**Preparatory work** (at a minimum an outline should be included with the proposal)
- [ ] A draft is attached
- [ ] An outline is attached
- [x] An existing document to serve as initial basis

The proposer or the proposer's organization is prepared to undertake the preparatory work required  [x] Yes  [ ] No

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**Name of the Proposer**
(include contact information)
ANSI
**Supplementary information relating to the proposal**

- This proposal relates to a new ISO document;
- This proposal relates to the amendment of existing ISO document
- This proposal is for the revision of an existing ISO document;
- This proposal relates to the adoption as an active project of an item currently registered as a Preliminary Work Item;
- This proposal relates to the re-establishment of a cancelled project as an active project.

**Other:** This proposal relates to the adoption by ISO of an existing standard within the framework of a PSDO agreement

**Annex(es) are included with this proposal (give details)**


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