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Foreword

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ISO/IEC 9548 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Open Systems Interconnection — Connectionless Session protocol*:

- *Part 1: Protocol specification*
- *Part 2: Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma*

Annex A forms an integral part of this part of ISO/IEC 9548.

Introduction

This Recommendation | International Standard is one of a set of Recommendations | International Standards produced to facilitate the interconnection of information processing systems. It is related to other Recommendations and International Standards in the set as defined by the Reference Model for Open Systems Interconnection (see ITU-T Rec. X.200 | ISO 7498-1). The Reference Model subdivides the area of standardisation for interconnection into a series of layers of specification, each of manageable size.

The goal of Open Systems Interconnection is to allow, with a minimum of technical agreement outside the interconnection Recommendations and International Standards, the interconnection of information processing systems:

- from different manufacturers;
- under different managements;
- of different levels of complexity; and
- of different technologies.

ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1 specifies the connectionless session protocol. It specifies the session protocol encoding and procedures to be used to meet the needs of session-service-users.

To evaluate the conformance of a particular implementation, it is necessary to have a description of the capabilities and options which have been implemented. Such a description is called a Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS).

This Recommendation | International Standard includes the PICS proforma for the connectionless session protocol as defined in ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1.