OASIS Addresses NATO on XML Adoption

Boston, MA, November 30, 1999--OASIS, the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards, recently advised NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, on the impact of XML on information technology development and its potential for NATO's information systems. Dr. Robert S. Sutor (IBM), chief strategy officer of OASIS, addressed participants in the NATO Consultation, Command and Control Agency (NC3A) XML Workshop in The Hague, The Netherlands.

The NC3A XML Workshop analyzed potential application areas for XML in NATO and assessed (in global terms) the benefits which adoption offers. The Workshop reviewed the development status of XML and took stock of defense-related XML activities within NATO and its member countries. OASIS contributed to the development of recommendations for a way ahead for NATO regarding XML (bodies to be involved, potential exploratory prototyping or pilot activities, and participation in the international XML standardization effort).

"NATO and its member nations recognize the need to encode agreements on information exchange in XML before a plethora of uncoordinated, non-interoperable encodings get developed in defense systems projects," explained Dr. Klaus G. Muller of the NC3A. "We welcome input from OASIS on where and how it can help on NATO's path towards XML adoption, both between NATO systems and between NATO and its member nations. The vendor independence of OASIS is crucial for us."

"OASIS is the operator of the XML.org industry portal for XML applications and is the only non-profit, vendor-neutral international consortium wholly dedicated to the advancement of structured information standards such as XML. OASIS is thus well-positioned to offer NATO important insights into the rapid adoption of XML in many industries around the globe," added Sutor.

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