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| Subject:  | Merger of the e-mail reflector and Website group membership |
| NPassword protection required? (Y/N)  |
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| Summary:  |
| This paper updates the Steering Group of progress to more closely associate the e-mail reflector lists as currently maintained, with the Group membership system on the website.Experience since the new website’s introduction more than a year and a half ago has revealed significant user confusion between the two systems. Also, to administer e-mail lists in a comprehensive and effective manner represents a burden on those responsible, and the possibility to simplify this is attractive.The main features of the new arrangements are as follows.* Within each group, the associated email reflector will be created by ECO from the group member list.
* By default, any member of a group will be member of the reflector.
* Anyone will have the possibility to leave the reflector (whilst keeping the group membership) by ticking a dedicated box in his settings related to the group
* Current email reflectors of a group will be disbanded. Members of these reflectors will be invited to ensure that they are group members.
* Under this approach, any new reflector will be strictly associated to the concept of group.
* For sub-reflectors, e.g. reflector dedicated to a specific issue (drafting group), there will be three possibilities:
	+ Create within the system a specific group for the issue. (Not really recommended, but possible).
	+ Use, as currently, specific “external” email reflectors for the issue. This will be possible and will need to be managed by the relevant Chairman/Rapporteur.
	+ In most cases, the use of the Forum may provide a more effective means to do the job, and limit the need for such specific reflectors.

The Office expects to change over to this new system in mid- to late- March, following the replacement of some of its servers.  |