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Dear Dr. Kaihara,

The Report of the IFIP Review Committee on IMIA, chaired by our Cognizant Officer for IMIA, Vice-President A. Melbye, was presented yesterday to the General Assembly in New Delhi. Attached to the report was your letter to Mr. Melbye, dated 7 September 1988.

I am delighted to inform you that the General Assembly approved the report and its conclusions and recommendations as stated:

- (a) IFIP encourages IMIA to be established as an independent organization and invites IMIA to become an Affiliate Member of IFIP,
- (b) IMIA establishes itself as such an organization and intensifies its co-operation with IFIP in those areas where mutual benefits can be obtained.

IFIP considers the recommended action as the most appropriate evolution of the relationships between IFIP and IMIA.

Regarding the implementation of the recommendations, GA decided to formally discontinue IMIA as a Special Interest Group of IFIP conditional upon IMIA's approval of IFIP's invitation to become an Affiliate Member of IFIP. The reason for this is that the IFIP Bylaws only has rules for discontinuing a SIG and not for its upgrading to an Affiliate Member. The General Assembly therefore has formally decided to admit IMIA as an Affiliate Member if IMIA so concurs.

Assuming that IMIA becomes an Affiliate Member of IFIP, then IFIP certainly acknowledges that all funds relating to IMIA as a SIG are being transferred to IMIA in its new organizational structure.

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As Mr. Melbye will not be able to attend IMIA's General Meeting in Geneva, 16-17 September 1988, I have asked Mr. P. Bobillier, Honorary Member and Past President of IFIP, to represent IFIP at the forthcoming IMIA Meeting in Geneva.

IFIP wishes to cooperate closely with IMIA, and I anticipate that our newly established Technical Assembly will develop into an effective body for such cooperation. This body will debate the strategic aspects of our technical activities which may comprise activities closely related to IMIA's field of interest. As an Affiliate Member of IFIP, IMIA is invited to participate in our Technical Assembly and I urge IMIA to take advantage of this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



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