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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this Recommended Standard is to provide a standard method for formally defining the digital information objects to be transferred by an information Producer to an Archive and for effectively packaging these objects in the form of **Submission Information Packages (SIPs)**. This supports effective transfer and validation of SIP data.

This Recommended Standard fits into the context defined by:

- The *Reference Model for an Open Archival Information System (OAIS)* Recommended Standard (see reference [3]).
- The *Producer-Archive Interface Methodology Abstract Standard (PAIMAS)* Recommended Standard (see reference [2]).
- The *XML Formatted Data Unit (XFDU) Structure and Construction Rules* Recommended Standard (see reference [1]).

The PAIMAS Recommended Standard (see reference [2]) defines a methodology based on the four following phases: Preliminary, Formal Definition, Transfer, Validation.

This Recommended Standard applies specifically to the implementation of the main part of the Formal Definition Phase and the Transfer Phase, taking into account part of the Validation Phase.

The proposed implementation should help in the automation and management of the Transfer and Validation Phases.

The proposed implementation may also be used, to some extent, for the Preliminary Phase.

This Recommended Standard does not exclude other PAIMAS implementation Recommended Standards.

1.2 APPLICABILITY

The implementation defined in this document applies to any **Producer-Archive Project**. It is specifically applicable to those organizations and individuals who create information that may need Long-Term Preservation and to organizations making information available for the Long Term.

This application is relevant only if both partners in the Producer-Archive Project agree with a shared implementation as defined in this document.