A Statement on Standardization

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Example: ISO/IEC 29167 Part 11

Information technology – Automatic identification and data capture techniques –

Part 11: Crypto suite PRESENT-80 security services for air interface communications.

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- Kuznyechik (FSB) [ISO/IEC 18033-3 (Encryption algorithms)]

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