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Subject: Obsoleting the flag bit in the control byte

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As part of the development of FCP-2 and SAM-2, the Flag bit has been identified as a function that is now obsolete. I propose that we formally make the Flag bit obsolete.

In FCP-2, the control bit is implicitly included in section 7.1.3 which describes the CDB and in section 4.2 and Annex A section A.1.6 which describe command linking. FCP-2 will explicitly say that the Flag bit in the CDB control field shall be obsolete in FCP-2 implementations.

In SAM-2, section 5.1.2, the Flag bit in the CDB control field shall be made obsolete. This requires the following changes to be made:

> Bit 0 of Table 12 is made reserved

> The flag bit shall be removed from the list in the second paragraph of 5.1.2. The following additional sentence shall be placed at the end of that paragraph:
> > "The Flag bit is obsolete in SAM-2."

> All additional descriptions of the Flag bit and of the protocols enabled by the Flag bit shall be removed.

> All descriptions and occurrences of the service response Linked Command Complete (with Flag) shall be removed. These occur in 3.1.15, 3.4, 5.0, 5.1.2, 5.2, 5.4, and 5.5.2.