

Appendix B: Intellectual Property Statements

B.1 Statement by Each Algorithm Submitter

I, Xianhui Lu, No. 19 Shu Cun Road, Beijing, China, 100085,
to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its imple-
mentations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

1. I commit that my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the security requirements, including but not limited to the requirements that the algorithm does not contain any backdoor or defect artificially designed and its implementations do not contain any malicious code. I do hereby commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations do not contain any data, information or technology that may infringe upon trade secrets, or may involve confidentiality required by the laws and regulations of China and other countries.
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3. To facilitate the next-generation commercial cryptographic algorithm standardization, I acknowledge and agree that if my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists, the program organizer may modify the algorithm and its implementations out of security, availability or other considerations. If my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists and to be standardized, I commit to place no restriction on the worldwide disclosure and free adoption of algorithm and its implementations.
4. I commit that the algorithm and its implementations are my (or my team's) own original work. The implementations of my submitted algorithm ☐do/☒do not adopt code or code libraries requiring authorization by third parties. Except those clearly identified, citations and acknowledgment, all the opinions, words, diagrams and data in the submission are my own (or my team's) original research results, and the submission does not contain any published work from other individual or team.
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I do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge, I have fully disclosed all patents and patent applications which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations. I commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the laws and regulations of China and other countries, and do not infringe upon legitimate rights and interests of any third party. Where there is a dispute concerning patent infringement or violation of laws and regulations, I commit that the algorithm submitter(s) shall take the responsibility of dealing with it and eliminating negative effects as well as bearing corresponding legal liabilities.

I am fully aware that I bear the legal consequences of this statement.

Signed: Xianhui Lu 徐海路

Date: 2020.6.2

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B.1 Statement by Each Algorithm Submitter

I, Yijian Liu, No. 19 Shu Cun Road, Beijing, China, 100085, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

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Signed: 刘易简 Yijian Lin

Date: 2026.6.2

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B.1 Statement by Each Algorithm Submitter

I, Yu Zhang, No. 19 Shu Cun Road, Beijing, China, 100085, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

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Signed: 张宇 Yu Zhang

Date: 2026.6.2

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B.3 Statement by Reference and Optimized Implementations' Owner(s)

(Please check one of the following two options.)

☒ I, Yu Zhang, No. 19 Shu Cun Road, Beijing, China, 100085, am the owner of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm ZEN;

☐ I, _____, _____, am the authorized representative of the owner _____ of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm _____;

and do hereby agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use such implementations for evaluation purpose, and commit to place no restriction on worldwide disclosure and free adoption if the algorithm is selected for standardization.

Signed: Yu Zhang 张宇

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I, Dongshu Cai, No. 19 Shu Cun Road, Beijing, China, 100085, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

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Signed: 陈少华 Dongchu Cai

Date: 2026.6.2

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Signed: 贾丁丁 Jia Dingding

Date: 2016.6.2

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I, Zhe Liu, No. 5 Xuefu Road, Yinzhou District, Ningbo, Zhejiang, China, 315199, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

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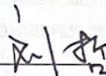
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Signed: ZHE LIU 

Date: 2026.6.24

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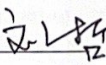
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Signed: 黄军浩 Junhao Huang

Date: 2026.06.02

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Signed: 黄军浩 Junhao Huang

Date: 2026.06.02

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I, Lu Zhou, No. 29, Juncheng Road, Jiangning District, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China, 211106, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

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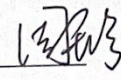
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Note: The algorithm submitter(s) shall fill in the table according to his/her/their situation.

I do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge, I have fully disclosed all patents and patent applications which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations. I commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the laws and regulations of China and other countries, and do not infringe upon legitimate rights and interests of any third party. Where there is a dispute concerning patent infringement or violation of laws and regulations, I commit that the algorithm submitter(s) shall take the responsibility of dealing with it and eliminating negative effects as well as bearing corresponding legal liabilities.

I am fully aware that I bear the legal consequences of this statement.

Signed: Lu Zhou 

Date: 2026.6.24

(Note: If there are multiple algorithm submitters, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them.)

B.3 Statement by Reference and Optimized Implementations' Owner(s)

(Please check one of the following two options.)

☒ I, Lu Zhou, No. 29, Juncheng Road, Jiangning District, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China, 211106, am the owner of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm ZEN;

☐ I, _____, am the authorized representative of the owner _____ of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm _____;

and do hereby agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use such implementations for evaluation purpose, and commit to place no restriction on worldwide disclosure and free adoption if the algorithm is selected for standardization.

Signed: Lu Zhou 

Date: 2026.6.24

(Note: If there are multiple owners of the reference and optimized implementations, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them or their authorized representatives. The authorized representative shall submit the letter of authorization.)

Appendix B: Intellectual Property Statements

B.1 Statement by Each Algorithm Submitter

I, Liming Fang, No. 198, Aicheng Street, Yuhang District, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

1. I commit that my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the security requirements, including but not limited to the requirements that the algorithm does not contain any backdoor or defect artificially designed and its implementations do not contain any malicious code. I do hereby commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations do not contain any data, information or technology that may infringe upon trade secrets, or may involve confidentiality required by the laws and regulations of China and other countries.
2. I acknowledge and agree that my submitted algorithm and its implementations will be provided to the public for evaluation, analysis and review. I agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use the algorithm and its implementations for evaluation purpose. I acknowledge that the program organizer will select several algorithms as candidates for the next-round evaluation or the finalists after evaluation and analysis; my submitted algorithm might not be selected as a candidate for the next-round evaluation or the finalist. I acknowledge that I will not receive financial or other compensation from the program organizer for my submitted algorithm.
3. To facilitate the next-generation commercial cryptographic algorithm standardization, I acknowledge and agree that if my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists, the program organizer may modify the algorithm and its implementations out of security, availability or other considerations. If my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists and to be standardized, I commit to place no restriction on the worldwide disclosure and free adoption of algorithm and its implementations.
4. I commit that the algorithm and its implementations are my (or my team's) own original work. The implementations of my submitted algorithm ☐do/☒do not adopt code or code libraries requiring authorization by third parties. Except those clearly identified, citations and acknowledgment, all the opinions, words, diagrams and data in the submission are my own (or my team's) original research results, and the submission does not contain any published work from other individual or team.
5. (Please check one of the following two options.)
 - ☒ I do not hold and do not intend to hold any patent or patent application which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations, and to the best of my knowledge, no patent or patent application may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations.
 - ☐ The following patent(s) and patent application(s) may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations. As for patent(s) and patent application(s) held by myself, I ☐have submitted/☐have not submitted all statements; as for patent(s) and patent application(s) held by others, I ☐have submitted/☐have not submitted all statements signed by patent and patent application owner(s).

Table: The List of Patent(s) and Patent Application(s)

No.	Patent/Patent Application No.	Title of Patent/ Patent Application	Owner(s)	Submit statements?
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I do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge, I have fully disclosed all patents and patent applications which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations. I commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the laws and regulations of China and other countries, and do not infringe upon legitimate rights and interests of any third party. Where there is a dispute concerning patent infringement or violation of laws and regulations, I commit that the algorithm submitter(s) shall take the responsibility of dealing with it and eliminating negative effects as well as bearing corresponding legal liabilities.

I am fully aware that I bear the legal consequences of this statement.

Signed: Liming Fang 方黎明

Date: 2026.06.24

(Note: If there are multiple algorithm submitters, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them.)

B.3 Statement by Reference and Optimized Implementations' Owner(s)

(Please check one of the following two options.)

☒ I, Liming Fang, No. 198, Aicheng Street, Yuhang District, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China, am the owner of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm ZEN;

☐ I, _____, _____, am the authorized representative of the owner _____ of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm _____;

and do hereby agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use such implementations for evaluation purpose, and commit to place no restriction on worldwide disclosure and free adoption if the algorithm is selected for standardization.

Signed: Liming Fang 方黎明

Date: 2026.06.24

(Note: If there are multiple owners of the reference and optimized implementations, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them or their authorized representatives. The authorized representative shall submit the letter of authorization.)

B.1 Statement by Each Algorithm Submitter

I, Lei Bi, No. 19 Shu Cun Road, Beijing, China, 100085, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

1. I commit that my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the security requirements, including but not limited to the requirements that the algorithm does not contain any backdoor or defect artificially designed and its implementations do not contain any malicious code. I do hereby commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations do not contain any data, information or technology that may infringe upon trade secrets, or may involve confidentiality required by the laws and regulations of China and other countries.
2. I acknowledge and agree that my submitted algorithm and its implementations will be provided to the public for evaluation, analysis and review. I agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use the algorithm and its implementations for evaluation purpose. I acknowledge that the program organizer will select several algorithms as candidates for the next-round evaluation or the finalists after evaluation and analysis; my submitted algorithm might not be selected as a candidate for the next-round evaluation or the finalist. I acknowledge that I will not receive financial or other compensation from the program organizer for my submitted algorithm.
3. To facilitate the next-generation commercial cryptographic algorithm standardization, I acknowledge and agree that if my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists, the program organizer may modify the algorithm and its implementations out of security, availability or other considerations. If my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists and to be standardized, I commit to place no restriction on the worldwide disclosure and free adoption of algorithm and its implementations.
4. I commit that the algorithm and its implementations are my (or my team's) own original work. The implementations of my submitted algorithm ☐do/☒do not adopt code or code libraries requiring authorization by third parties. Except those clearly identified, citations and acknowledgment, all the opinions, words, diagrams and data in the submission are my own (or my team's) original research results, and the submission does not contain any published work from other individual or team.
5. (Please check one of the following two options.)
 - ☒ I do not hold and do not intend to hold any patent or patent application which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations, and to the best of my knowledge, no patent or patent application may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations.
 - ☐ The following patent(s) and patent application(s) may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations. As for patent(s) and patent application(s) held by myself, I ☐have submitted/☐have not submitted all statements; as for patent(s) and patent application(s) held by others, I ☐have submitted/☐have not submitted all statements signed by patent and patent application owner(s).

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I am fully aware that I bear the legal consequences of this statement.

Signed: 付蓉 LeiBi

Date: 2016.6.3

(Note: If there are multiple algorithm submitters, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them.)

B.1 Statement by Each Algorithm Submitter

I, Jingnan He, No. 19 Shu Cun Road, Beijing, China, 100085, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

1. I commit that my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the security requirements, including but not limited to the requirements that the algorithm does not contain any backdoor or defect artificially designed and its implementations do not contain any malicious code. I do hereby commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations do not contain any data, information or technology that may infringe upon trade secrets, or may involve confidentiality required by the laws and regulations of China and other countries.
2. I acknowledge and agree that my submitted algorithm and its implementations will be provided to the public for evaluation, analysis and review. I agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use the algorithm and its implementations for evaluation purpose. I acknowledge that the program organizer will select several algorithms as candidates for the next-round evaluation or the finalists after evaluation and analysis; my submitted algorithm might not be selected as a candidate for the next-round evaluation or the finalist. I acknowledge that I will not receive financial or other compensation from the program organizer for my submitted algorithm.
3. To facilitate the next-generation commercial cryptographic algorithm standardization, I acknowledge and agree that if my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists, the program organizer may modify the algorithm and its implementations out of security, availability or other considerations. If my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists and to be standardized, I commit to place no restriction on the worldwide disclosure and free adoption of algorithm and its implementations.
4. I commit that the algorithm and its implementations are my (or my team's) own original work. The implementations of my submitted algorithm ☐do/☒do not adopt code or code libraries requiring authorization by third parties. Except those clearly identified, citations and acknowledgment, all the opinions, words, diagrams and data in the submission are my own (or my team's) original research results, and the submission does not contain any published work from other individual or team.
5. (Please check one of the following two options.)
 - ☒ I do not hold and do not intend to hold any patent or patent application which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations, and to the best of my knowledge, no patent or patent application may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations.
 - ☐ The following patent(s) and patent application(s) may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations. As for patent(s) and patent application(s) held by myself, I ☐have submitted/☐have not submitted all statements; as for patent(s) and patent application(s) held by others, I ☐have submitted/☐have not submitted all statements signed by patent and patent application owner(s).

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I am fully aware that I bear the legal consequences of this statement.

Signed: Jingnan He 贺婧楠

Date: 2026.6.2

(Note: If there are multiple algorithm submitters, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them.)

Appendix B: Intellectual Property Statements

B.1 Statement by Each Algorithm Submitter

I, Sihan He, No. 29, Juncheng Road, Jiangning District, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China, 211106, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

1. I commit that my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the security requirements, including but not limited to the requirements that the algorithm does not contain any backdoor or defect artificially designed and its implementations do not contain any malicious code. I do hereby commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations do not contain any data, information or technology that may infringe upon trade secrets, or may involve confidentiality required by the laws and regulations of China and other countries.
2. I acknowledge and agree that my submitted algorithm and its implementations will be provided to the public for evaluation, analysis and review. I agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use the algorithm and its implementations for evaluation purpose. I acknowledge that the program organizer will select several algorithms as candidates for the next-round evaluation or the finalists after evaluation and analysis; my submitted algorithm might not be selected as a candidate for the next-round evaluation or the finalist. I acknowledge that I will not receive financial or other compensation from the program organizer for my submitted algorithm.
3. To facilitate the next-generation commercial cryptographic algorithm standardization, I acknowledge and agree that if my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists, the program organizer may modify the algorithm and its implementations out of security, availability or other considerations. If my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists and to be standardized, I commit to place no restriction on the worldwide disclosure and free adoption of algorithm and its implementations.
4. I commit that the algorithm and its implementations are my (or my team's) own original work. The implementations of my submitted algorithm ☐do/☒do not adopt code or code libraries requiring authorization by third parties. Except those clearly identified, citations and acknowledgment, all the opinions, words, diagrams and data in the submission are my own (or my team's) original research results, and the submission does not contain any published work from other individual or team.
5. (Please check one of the following two options.)
 - ☒ I do not hold and do not intend to hold any patent or patent application which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations, and to the best of my knowledge, no patent or patent application may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations.
 - ☐ The following patent(s) and patent application(s) may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations. As for patent(s) and patent application(s) held by myself, I ☐have submitted/☐have not submitted all statements; as for patent(s) and patent application(s) held by others, I ☐have submitted/☐have not submitted all statements signed by patent and patent application owner(s).

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No.	Patent/Patent Application No.	Title of Patent/ Patent Application	Owner(s)	Submit statements? ☐ Yes ☐ No
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Note: The algorithm submitter(s) shall fill in the table according to his/her/their situation.

I do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge, I have fully disclosed all patents and patent applications which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations. I commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the laws and regulations of China and other countries, and do not infringe upon legitimate rights and interests of any third party. Where there is a dispute concerning patent infringement or violation of laws and regulations, I commit that the algorithm submitter(s) shall take the responsibility of dealing with it and eliminating negative effects as well as bearing corresponding legal liabilities.

I am fully aware that I bear the legal consequences of this statement.

Signed: Sihan He 何恩寒

Date: 2026.6.24

(Note: If there are multiple algorithm submitters, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them.)

B.3 Statement by Reference and Optimized Implementations' Owner(s)

(Please check one of the following two options.)

☒ I, Sihan He, No. 29, Juncheng Road, Jiangning District, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China, 211106, am the owner of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm ZEN;

☐ I, _____, _____, am the authorized representative of the owner _____ of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm _____;

and do hereby agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use such implementations for evaluation purpose, and commit to place no restriction on worldwide disclosure and free adoption if the algorithm is selected for standardization.

Signed: Sihan He 何恩寒

Date: 2026.6.24

(Note: If there are multiple owners of the reference and optimized implementations, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them or their authorized representatives. The authorized representative shall submit the letter of authorization.)

Appendix B: Intellectual Property Statements

B.1 Statement by Each Algorithm Submitter

I, Tianhao Liu, No. 5 Xuefu Road, Yinzhou District, Ningbo, Zhejiang, China, 315199, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

1. I commit that my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the security requirements, including but not limited to the requirements that the algorithm does not contain any backdoor or defect artificially designed and its implementations do not contain any malicious code. I do hereby commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations do not contain any data, information or technology that may infringe upon trade secrets, or may involve confidentiality required by the laws and regulations of China and other countries.
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3. To facilitate the next-generation commercial cryptographic algorithm standardization, I acknowledge and agree that if my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists, the program organizer may modify the algorithm and its implementations out of security, availability or other considerations. If my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists and to be standardized, I commit to place no restriction on the worldwide disclosure and free adoption of algorithm and its implementations.
4. I commit that the algorithm and its implementations are my (or my team's) own original work. The implementations of my submitted algorithm ☐do/☒do not adopt code or code libraries requiring authorization by third parties. Except those clearly identified, citations and acknowledgment, all the opinions, words, diagrams and data in the submission are my own (or my team's) original research results, and the submission does not contain any published work from other individual or team.
5. (Please check one of the following two options.)
 - ☒ I do not hold and do not intend to hold any patent or patent application which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations, and to the best of my knowledge, no patent or patent application may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations.
 - ☐ The following patent(s) and patent application(s) may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations. As for patent(s) and patent application(s) held by myself, I ☐have submitted/☐have not submitted all statements; as for patent(s) and patent application(s) held by others, I ☐have submitted/☐have not submitted all statements signed by patent and patent application owner(s).

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I am fully aware that I bear the legal consequences of this statement.

Signed: Tianhao Liu 刘天豪

Date: 2026.6.24

(Note: If there are multiple algorithm submitters, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them.)

B.3 Statement by Reference and Optimized Implementations' Owner(s)

(Please check one of the following two options.)

☒ I, Tianhao Liu, No. 5 Xuefu Road, Yinzhou District, Ningbo, Zhejiang, China, 315199, am the owner of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm ZEN;

☐ I, _____, _____, am the authorized representative of the owner _____ of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm _____;

and do hereby agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use such implementations for evaluation purpose, and commit to place no restriction on worldwide disclosure and free adoption if the algorithm is selected for standardization.

Signed: Tianhao Liu 刘天豪

Date: 2026.6.24

(Note: If there are multiple owners of the reference and optimized implementations, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them or their authorized representatives. The authorized representative shall submit the letter of authorization.)

B.1 Statement by Each Algorithm Submitter

I, Lutan Zhao, No. 19 Shucun Road, Haidian District, Beijing, China, 100095, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

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4. I commit that the algorithm and its implementations are my (or my team's) own original work. The implementations of my submitted algorithm ☐do/☒do not adopt code or code libraries requiring authorization by third parties. Except those clearly identified, citations and acknowledgment, all the opinions, words, diagrams and data in the submission are my own (or my team's) original research results, and the submission does not contain any published work from other individual or team.
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 - ☒ I do not hold and do not intend to hold any patent or patent application which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations, and to the best of my knowledge, no patent or patent application may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations.
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I am fully aware that I bear the legal consequences of this statement.

Signed: Lutan Zhao 赵路天

Date: 2026.6.29

(Note: If there are multiple algorithm submitters, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them.)

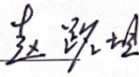
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(Please check one of the following two options.)

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☐ I, _____, _____, am the authorized representative of the owner _____ of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm _____;

and do hereby agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use such implementations for evaluation purpose, and commit to place no restriction on worldwide disclosure and free adoption if the algorithm is selected for standardization.

Signed: Lutan Zhao 

Date: 2026.6.29

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B.1 Statement by Each Algorithm Submitter

I, Xueqian Bao, No. 19 Shucun Road, Haidian District, Beijing, China, 100095, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

1. I commit that my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the security requirements, including but not limited to the requirements that the algorithm does not contain any backdoor or defect artificially designed and its implementations do not contain any malicious code. I do hereby commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations do not contain any data, information or technology that may infringe upon trade secrets, or may involve confidentiality required by the laws and regulations of China and other countries.
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I am fully aware that I bear the legal consequences of this statement.

Signed: Xueqian Bao 鲍雪倩

Date: 2026.6.29

(Note: If there are multiple algorithm submitters, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them.)

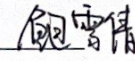
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☒ I, Xueqian Bao, No. 19, Shucun Road, Haidian District, Beijing, China, 100095, am the owner of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm ZEN;

☐ I, _____, _____, am the authorized representative of the owner _____ of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm _____;

and do hereby agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use such implementations for evaluation purpose, and commit to place no restriction on worldwide disclosure and free adoption if the algorithm is selected for standardization.

Signed: Xueqian Bao 

Date: 2016. 6. 29

(Note: If there are multiple owners of the reference and optimized implementations, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them or their authorized representatives. The authorized representative shall submit the letter of authorization.)

Appendix B: Intellectual Property Statements

B.1 Statement by Each Algorithm Submitter

I, Meng Xu, No.15 Xiaoying East Road, Qinghe, Haidian District, Beijing, China, 100192, to the best of my knowledge of my submitted algorithm ZEN and its implementations (reference and optimized implementations included), do hereby declare:

1. I commit that my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the security requirements, including but not limited to the requirements that the algorithm does not contain any backdoor or defect artificially designed and its implementations do not contain any malicious code. I do hereby commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations do not contain any data, information or technology that may infringe upon trade secrets, or may involve confidentiality required by the laws and regulations of China and other countries.
2. I acknowledge and agree that my submitted algorithm and its implementations will be provided to the public for evaluation, analysis and review. I agree that any interested party, including the program organizer, public reviewers, etc., can freely use the algorithm and its implementations for evaluation purpose. I acknowledge that the program organizer will select several algorithms as candidates for the next-round evaluation or the finalists after evaluation and analysis; my submitted algorithm might not be selected as a candidate for the next-round evaluation or the finalist. I acknowledge that I will not receive financial or other compensation from the program organizer for my submitted algorithm.
3. To facilitate the next-generation commercial cryptographic algorithm standardization, I acknowledge and agree that if my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists, the program organizer may modify the algorithm and its implementations out of security, availability or other considerations. If my submitted algorithm is selected for the finalists and to be standardized, I commit to place no restriction on the worldwide disclosure and free adoption of algorithm and its implementations.
4. I commit that the algorithm and its implementations are my (or my team's) own original work. The implementations of my submitted algorithm ☐do/☒do not adopt code or code libraries requiring authorization by third parties. Except those clearly identified, citations and acknowledgment, all the opinions, words, diagrams and data in the submission are my own (or my team's) original research results, and the submission does not contain any published work from other individual or team.
5. (Please check one of the following two options.)
 - ☒ I do not hold and do not intend to hold any patent or patent application which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations, and to the best of my knowledge, no patent or patent application may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations.
 - ☐ The following patent(s) and patent application(s) may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations. As for patent(s) and patent application(s) held by myself, I ☐have submitted/☐have not submitted all statements; as for patent(s) and patent

application(s) held by others, I ☐ have submitted/☐ have not submitted all statements signed by patent and patent application owner(s).

Table: The List of Patent(s) and Patent Application(s)

No.	Patent/Patent Application No.	Title of Patent/ Patent Application	Owner(s)	Submit statements?
1				☐ Yes ☐ No
2				☐ Yes ☐ No

Note: The algorithm submitter(s) shall fill in the table according to his/her/their situation.

I do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge, I have fully disclosed all patents and patent applications which may cover my submitted algorithm and its implementations. I commit that to the best of my knowledge, my submitted algorithm and its implementations are in compliance with the laws and regulations of China and other countries, and do not infringe upon legitimate rights and interests of any third party. Where there is a dispute concerning patent infringement or violation of laws and regulations, I commit that the algorithm submitter(s) shall take the responsibility of dealing with it and eliminating negative effects as well as bearing corresponding legal liabilities.

I am fully aware that I bear the legal consequences of this statement.

Signed: Meng Xu 徐萌

Date: 2026.6.29

(Note: If there are multiple algorithm submitters, the statements shall be signed by each and every one of them.)

B.3 Statement by Reference and Optimized Implementations' Owner(s)

(Please check one of the following two options.)

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☐ I, _____, _____, am the authorized representative of the owner _____ of the submitted reference implementation and optimized implementations of the algorithm _____;

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Signed: Meng Xu 徐萌

Date: 2026.6.29