Rather than require all I/O abstracts to repeat the declarations and descriptions of arguments which are generic, we give the declarations here and the descriptions in BS.5.01. All BS.5 subsections should employ these declarations and descriptions when dealing with generic arguments. (The declarations are tabulated in the order of their appearance in BS.5.01.)

```
declare
    ioname1 char(*), /* maximum=32 */
    type char(*),  /* maximum=32 */
    ioname2 char(*), /* maximum=32 */
    mode char(*),
    status bit(72),
    disposal char(*),
    ioname char(*),
    bmode bit(72),
    rsmode char(*), /* maximum=32 */
    limit ptr,
    wsmode char(*),
    wkmode char(*),
    oldstatus bit(72),
    request char(*),
    argptr ptr,
    elsize fixed bin(35),
    workspace ptr,
    offset fixed bin(35),
    nelem fixed bin(35),
    nelemt fixed bin(35),
    nbreaks fixed bin,
    breaklist bit (*),
    nreads fixed bin,
    readlist bit(*),
    ptrname1 char(*),
    ptrname2 char(*);
```