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TO CEOS OF ISO MEMBERS, STANDARDS DIRECTORS, CHAIRS, COMMITTEE MANAGERS AND CONVENORS

INFORMATION REGARDING ISO GOVERNANCE AND TECHNICAL MEETINGS - EXTENSION OF MEASURES TO 30 APRIL 2021

Dear Members,

I hope that you have had a good start to 2021, and I send my best wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead.

Following my letter dated 11 December 2020, regarding the measures in place for ISO governance and technical meetings during the COVID-19 crisis, I would like to inform you that it has been decided, with the support of the ISO President's Committee, that the measures to hold all meetings virtually be **extended to 30 April 2021**.

The extension of these measures will continue to be reviewed, according to the agreed <u>criteria</u>, and communicated on a monthly basis. The three-month rolling window of virtual meetings only does not however prevent any Technical Committee from planning virtual meetings over a longer timeframe. This is actually recommended by the TMB due to the remaining uncertainties related to the COVID-19 crisis.

I would like to reiterate that these decisions are taken based on safeguarding the health and wellbeing of people in the ISO community, to ensure the business continuity of our Organization, and provide certainty and clear guidance to the community regarding meetings that have been planned for the upcoming months. Detailed guidance in order to implement this decision is available from https://connect.iso.org/x/fZVHCw. The ISO Council and Technical Management Board (TMB) have been duly informed. The TMB will update their exceptional policy measures accordingly.

I also take this opportunity to update you that the ISO Central Secretariat (ISO/CS) offices are closed in accordance with local authority health and safety recommendations. Staff are teleworking full-time until further notice, remaining available to support ISO members and the technical community.

Best regards,

Sergio Mujica

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