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**TO THE ISO MEMBER BODIES,
CORRESPONDENT MEMBERS AND
SUBSCRIBER MEMBERS**

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MESSAGE FROM THE ISO SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Members,

ISO was founded 75 years ago as a technical non-governmental organization. This has enabled us to bring people together to achieve the consensus needed to develop globally relevant standards.

We are monitoring the current situation in Russia and Ukraine and assessing its potential impact on the ongoing standards development work. In this context, and in agreement with our member in Russia, all technical meetings under their leadership have been postponed until further notice. We are also communicating with our member in Ukraine to support their standardization activities as necessary. We will provide further guidance as the situation evolves.

We remain committed to hearing all voices in our technical community to ensure international standards can continue to support social and economic development worldwide.

Our sincere hope is that dialogue will prevail and that a rapid conclusion to the situation will be reached in a peaceful manner.

Best regards,

Sergio Mujica

cc. President
Vice-President (technical management)
Treasurer

Vice-President (policy)
Vice-President (finance)



Dear Members,
Dear Colleagues,

Following a discussion in the IEC President's Committee (PresCom), I am writing to you in connection with the current crisis in Ukraine and the developments and actions that this is triggering internationally. We stand with the international community in calling for peace. We are very saddened by these events and the human suffering that they are causing. Our thoughts are with all who are affected by this.

In this context, we would like to underline that the IEC is an international organization that provides an open and neutral platform for technical work and global collaboration. We offer a consensus-driven framework where people of all nationalities and backgrounds can cooperate. As a truly global community, the IEC embraces and promotes openness in technical collaboration across the world, and we look to you to help us uphold these important IEC principles.

We are currently assessing the implications for the IEC from an operational and technical perspective (standardization and conformity assessment work). We expect IEC efforts and activities to be maintained to the utmost extent.

Within this context, the Russian National Committee has agreed to suspend the technical committee activities in the IEC where they are assuming a leadership function. In consultation with the relevant governing bodies, the IEC Secretariat will assess potential measures that could be implemented to minimize the impact on the work of the technical committees concerned.

PresCom is recommending that a special IEC Board meeting be convened to discuss this matter further.

We will of course keep the IEC community updated on the further developments in a timely fashion.

Best regards,
Philippe Metzger

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Secretary-General & CEO



Dear Technical Body Officers,
Dear BT Members,
Dear Permanent Delegates,

In view of the current situation affecting Ukraine and in line with the measures approved by the European Council on 28 February and 2 March 2022, I herewith would like to inform you of the CEN and CENELEC decisions (C18/2022, C19/2022 and C20/2022) **to put on hold the cooperation** with the Russian Federal Agency on Technical Regulations and Metrology (**GOST R**), the State Committee for Standardization of the Republic of Belarus (**BELST**) and the Euro-Asian Interstate Council for Standardization, Metrology and Certification (**EASC** - regional standardization organization which includes 12 members of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan) **with immediate effect and until further notice**.

Some agreements with the above-mentioned organizations allowed the participation of experts and/or exchange of information between Technical Committees. Please be informed that in line with the above decision **ALL accesses** of appointed experts from those organizations are being **removed** (ProjexOnline, CEN Documents, EMS, etc.).

The Pilot Projects with EASC on lifts (with CEN/TC 10) and light/lighting (CEN/TC 169 and CLC/TC 34) **have also been put on hold with immediate effect and until further notice**.

CEN and CENELEC have reaffirmed **support** to the Ukrainian scientific-research and training center of issues of standardization, certification and quality (**UkrNDNC**) as a Companion Standardization Body and confirmed the **availability of all relevant services**, including access to deliverables and CEN & CENELEC technical bodies. CEN and CENELEC technical bodies are encouraged to offer **full support to UkrNDNC experts** participating in their activities and invite them to address CCMC with any question that may arise.

Furthermore, should there be any informal participation in your TC(s) of experts from GOST R and BELST you are kindly invited to take the appropriate measures to ensure that they do not have any more access to your TC(s) and the associated documentation.

Should you need any additional information and/guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I thank you in advance for your precious collaboration during these unprecedented circumstances.

Best regards,

Cinzia MISSIROLI

Director – Standardization and Digital Solutions

Clarification:

Dear all,

Referring to the message above, I thought it useful to bring some clarification in relation with EASC:

While cooperation has been suspended with the regional standardization organization EASC, the individual agreements in place between CEN and/or CENELEC and some EASC members that are Companion Standardization Bodies (CSBs) remain valid, with the possibility for their experts to participate in the CEN and/or CENELEC work: SARM (Armenia), AZSTAND (Azerbaijan), GEOSTM (Georgia), KAZMEMST (Kazakhstan), ISM (Moldova) and UkrNDNC (Ukraine).

Best regards,
Cinzia