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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 31 AUGUST 2020**
- **2020 ISO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Dear Members,

The President's Committee met virtually on 7 May to discuss the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and its impact on ISO. Concretely, we discussed the measures in place for ISO governance and technical meetings during the crisis; the 2020 ISO General Assembly (GA), scheduled to take place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in September, and hosted by ISO member, Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology (ESMA).

ISO governance and technical meetings

It has been decided that the **measures be extended to 31 August 2020**, whereby all meetings must be held virtually or postponed until after this date. The extension of these measures will continue to be reviewed and communicated on a monthly basis.

The Council and Technical Management Board (TMB) have been duly informed. The TMB will update their exceptional policy measures accordingly. For additional information please visit the ISO Connect page 'COVID-19: Temporary measures for committee work, [here](#)

2020 ISO General Assembly

Since the implementation of these measures noted above, and in the context of continued global uncertainty surrounding the evolution and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on international travel and large gatherings, the President's Committee has also been considering the feasibility of holding the 2020 GA and related meetings, planned to take place in Abu Dhabi in September.

Different options have been envisaged and analyzed in detail, with careful consideration given to the risks and benefits and with the best interests of the ISO members, the GA host and ISO Central Secretariat (ISO/CS) in mind.

A final decision on this matter will be made by Council by correspondence by 5 June 2020 and will be immediately communicated to all of you.

I would like to reiterate that these decisions are and will continue to be taken based on safeguarding the health and wellbeing of 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.

I also take this opportunity to update you that ISO/CS staff continue to work remotely, remaining available to support ISO members and the technical community and will do so until further notice.

Best regards,



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