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**TO THE CHAIRS AND SECRETARIES
OF ISO/IEC JTC1 AND ISO/TC 207**

Date 2010-03-05

Dear Sir or Madam,

In recent years, to be responsive to new stakeholder needs and to maintain itself as a highly relevant International Standards developer, ISO has seen its work program extend into subject areas related to public policy and societal concerns. With this development, ISO faces challenges regarding its standards development processes, particular in light of changing stakeholder expectations of the ISO system.

The ISO Technical Management Board (TMB) has formed its Process Evaluation Group (PEG) to examine the current processes to ensure that they are effective in these areas of work. The intention of the PEG's efforts is to reinforce the reputation and value of ISO's approach to International Standardization, particularly the strength and authority of international standards and the processes by which they are produced.

As one of its tasks, the PEG is reviewing the current situation and considering the possibility of alternative models of standards development operations and participation in ISO, if warranted for specific subjects or under specific criteria.

The intent of this PEG project is to develop recommendations for consideration by ISO/TMB. These recommendations will be based on consideration of the input collected on a generic set of questions.

For this PEG task, the questions being asked are as follows:

1. Do you think that there are specific subjects of a global nature (e.g. emerging technologies, standards supporting public policies, standards addressing subjects such as societal issues, fraud or security) that would benefit from different operational and participation models than the traditional ISO approaches and model? If no, please explain why.
2. If yes, which subjects and why?
3. If yes, what would you recommend as important elements of how alternative operational and participation models should work?



As your committee has had previous discussions relevant to these questions, I am writing to ask for your support for this important ISO/TMB project. We invite your committee to discuss these questions and provide ISO with a consensus response on them via an online survey tool we have established to collect your input. Please provide your responses via this online survey tool **by close of business on October 31, 2010**.

We hope you will take the time to respond to this important effort, which we believe will have great benefit for the ISO system. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jacob E. Holmblad', written over a horizontal line.

Jacob E. Holmblad

ISO Technical Management Board Chairman