Announcement on the Postponement of the 4-8 November 2013 ISO/TC 285 Meeting

Dear ISO/TC 285 members,

As you are all are, the first meeting of ISO/TC 285 is planned for 4-8 November 2013 in Nairobi, Kenya. While we are very excited about starting this important work, we are also extremely concerned about the safety of our delegates and meeting attendees.

Recently, terrorist activity in Kenya has increased and an attack occurred in Nairobi within the last month. Further, there are concerns that the pending International Criminal Court trial of Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta may result in protests or other civil disruptions. Therefore, in consideration of these factors, the 4-8 November 2013 ISO/TC 285 meeting has been postponed. This decision was not taken lightly; the meeting host and the committee leaders decided that postponing the meeting until the situation in Kenya is settled is in the best interest of all ISO/TC 285 members.

We do realize that many of you have made your travel arrangements already, and we do apologize for the postponement. We remain hopeful that we can hold the meeting early in Nairobi in early 2014, with an exact date to be determined in the near future. We have spoken to ISO Central Secretariat, and they have informed us that because of the circumstances surrounding the cancellation of this meeting, we will be exempt from the requirement for announcing a meeting four months prior to its initiation. We will, however, make every attempt to notify membership as soon as a date is decided upon so that travel arrangements can be made.

We will continue to keep the P-members updated on developments for the meeting as they progress.

Best regards,

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