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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,
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