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**To the Membership of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27
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Dear SC 27 National Body representatives, dear SC 27 experts,

Last week, the acting SC 27 Chair Advisory Group convened to discuss the COVID-19 situation and the next set of SC27 meetings scheduled for September.

Given the uncertainty of the global COVID-19 situation it is with great regrets that it was decided not to conduct the upcoming SC 27 physical meetings scheduled for Warsaw, Poland as previously planned. The SC 27 Plenary and the WG meetings will now take place electronically as virtual-meetings via Zoom. This decision has been made based on the authorization given by JTC 1 in a communication from 20 May 2020, allowing the SC Chairs and Committee Managers to hold fully virtual plenary meetings through 31 December 2020.

The decision was not taken lightly but is based on concerns surrounding the global coronavirus COVID-19 situation. Unfortunately, the implications of COVID-19 are having a far reaching and dramatic impact on business and society world-wide. A large number of experts and delegates, as well as SC 27 Officers, would not be able to physically attend the meeting due to global travel restrictions imposed by their organizations.

Our warmest thanks go to the National Body of Poland for arranging the Warsaw meeting and our sincere apologies for this cancellation - it would be great pleasure to visit Poland in the future for an SC 27 meeting once this global problem has dissipated.

The tentative schedule for the September SC 27 meeting is as follows, in line with the originally planned timing:

- WG meetings starting not earlier than September 12, and lasting until September 16
- Mixed mode PKN IT security conference with SC 27 participation on September 17 (physical part in Warsaw)
- SC 27 Plenary starting September 18 and ending not later than September 19

The newly established SC 27/AG-O will consider how SC 27 can optimize virtual meetings, based on ISO, IEC, and JTC 1 guidance and on our own experiences made during the April SC 27 WG meeting week. It was affirmed that the April meetings have been very successful, and that the way these meeting have been organized are a good starting point for organizing the September meeting. In that sense, AG-O will take care of developing meeting guidance for SC 27.

Best regards,

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