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**TO THE ISO MEMBER BODIES,
CORRESPONDENT MEMBERS AND
SUBSCRIBER MEMBERS**

Influenza H1N1

Dear Sir or Madam,

This note is in response to a number of queries received by the ISO Central Secretariat.

You will no doubt be aware of the current influenza pandemic alert. Information on the situation is available on the WHO website and updated on a regular basis (see www.who.int).

Please note that, at this time, WHO advises "no restriction of regular travel or closure of borders." WHO also indicates that "it is considered prudent for people who are ill to delay international travel and for people developing symptoms following international travel to seek medical attention, in line with guidance from national authorities".

Thus at this time, and in the context of ISO events, the decision to proceed with an ISO meeting remains with the individual committees and the organizers. Given that the situation may change, we would encourage that you consult regularly the WHO website and your relevant national health authority websites.

For your information, ISO Central Secretariat has reviewed applicable recommendations issued by the Swiss authorities and the Geneva canton, which are based on WHO recommendations. In the context of the Central Secretariat, and given the current WHO pandemic alert level (5), the Swiss authorities do not recommend at this stage any specific measures other than the usual approaches to prevent virus transmission.

We will continue to closely monitor the influenza alert situation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Steele'.

Rob Steele

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