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Dear Mr Mujica,

I refer to the recent decision of the ILO Governing Body at its 331st Session (Oct.-Nov. 2017) to terminate the Agreement between the International Labour Organization and the International Organization for Standardization, signed 6 August 2013¹ and to refrain from further cooperation with the ISO until further notice. The Governing Body took this decision upon review of the implementation of the ILO-ISO Agreements and in particular the outcome of the ILO's pilot implementation of that Agreement.²

Accordingly, this letter serves as notice of termination of the 2013 ILO-ISO Agreement. The termination will take effect 90 days from this notification, as provided in paragraph 13 of that Agreement. As a consequence, the ILO withdraws its Category A liaison status with the ISO/PC 283 on Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems.

Further reference is made to the letter to me of Mr. Nicholas Fleury dated October 4, 2017, notifying ISO's termination of the Memorandum of Understanding between the International Labour Organization and the International Organization of Standardization in the field of Social Responsibility, signed 4 March 2005.

In the Decision mentioned above, the ILO Governing Body noted with regret the ISO decision to unilaterally terminate the 2005 ILO-ISO Memorandum of Understanding for standardization in the field of social responsibility, with effect as from 3 January 2018. It further authorized ILO participation in any future ISO activity in the field of social responsibility and/or revision of ISO 26000 solely and strictly on the condition that ISO will have agreed to apply the terms of the 2005 ILO-ISO MOU in relation to further activity in social responsibility, under the same conditions that the ISO applied to the development of ISO 26000, including with regard to ILO participation in ISO leadership structures.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Mr Nicholas Fleury, ISO Deputy Secretary-General

¹ http://www.ilo.org/gb/decisions/GB331-decision/WCMS_592322/lang--en/index.htm

² http://www.ilo.org/gb/GBSessions/GB331/ins/WCMS_586273/lang--en/index.htm