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Dear Sir,

RE: Venues of TC 228 plenary meetings and Working Groups

We are writing to you with regard to the choice of the meeting places for TC 228 and its Working Groups. We noted that, once again, the trip to reach the venue (i.e. Foz Do Iguazu, Brazil) will necessarily imply several flight connections (for a one-day meeting). The 4th TC 228 plenary held in Cappadocia already implied minimum two flights. This was again the case, for example, for the last WG 2 meeting in Pomorie, Bulgaria.

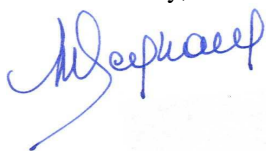
The choice of so remote places - whatever their tourist attraction - impose heavy burdens on all participants, in terms of travel costs and time spent. We would like to invite the Secretariat and the members of TC 228 to consider the proximity of an international airport as one of the main criteria, if possible, for the choice of future meeting places. This would significantly facilitate the attendance of concerned stakeholders and delegates from all over the world, in the best interest of participative, open and consensus-based processes.

We are sure that, in these times of economic crisis, our views are shared and well understood by other organisations.

We would therefore appreciate if our letter could be circulated via the ISO *Livelink*.

Thank you for taking our remarks into consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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