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**Joint ANEC, ECOS, Pacific Institute Communiqué on ISO TC 207
'Environmental Management'**

Dear Mr Bryden,

Please find enclosed a joint communiqué from ANEC, ECOS and the Pacific Institute on the proceedings of the ISO/TC 207 'Environmental Management' meetings in Bogotá during June 2008.

We must express our concern and deep disappointment at the developments which brought - to an abrupt end - a long process aimed at achieving more balanced stakeholder participation and decision-making in the work of this important and high-profile committee.

Created in 2003 as a mixed group of NGO representatives and the TC leadership, the NGO-CAG Task Force had been tasked with the development of operating procedures to improve the balance of stakeholder participation in the work of the committee. The resulting draft procedures, presented at the Bogotá meeting, were based on a full and thorough review of the existing ISO Directives, as well as the operating procedures approved in the ISO WG 'Social Responsibility'. Regrettably, the proposals met with sustained opposition from several national delegations and the decision not to submit the proposals to a plenary vote was taken by the Chair of TC 207.

Considering the commitment of ISO to ensure both a broad and meaningful public interest participation in the development of its standards, we call on the ISO leadership to take action to achieve a genuine balance of stakeholders and stakeholder influence in its technical bodies, particularly when the resulting standards are intended to support public policies.

Of course, we would be pleased to provide further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Russell', enclosed within a simple, hand-drawn rectangular box.

Stephen Russell
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Enclosure

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