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ISO/TMB/WG/SR
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Dear Chair and Secretary,

The forthcoming WG/SR meeting in Thailand is a new opportunity to welcome the chance that this instance represents for stakeholders groups to contribute with their different visions and interests in this building process of the Guide ISO 26.000.

At the same time, this second meeting implies a new challenge for those organizations, as for example NGOs, which are in an asymmetric position because of their limited resources to afford the expenditures that attending this international meeting involves. Unfortunately, it was not possible to overcome this restriction; therefore I will not be participating in the next meeting in Bangkok as the expert on behalf of the Argentinean's NGOs Group. Conveniently, a non-governmental organization member of the Group will be in Thailand because of another activity and will use this opportunity to attend as observer.

We recognize the initial efforts of TG1 members with the aim of attempting a broad and balance participation, but we encourage strengthening those efforts in both national and international stages. Since, not only it is difficult to afford the expenses to attend international meetings; we experienced also at the domestic meetings for example the difficulties that many organizations had when they wanted to analyze and comment the documents (english language, procedure inexperienced, etc). Thus, once again we encourage strengthening the TG1 efforts in order to assure an efficient, effective and balance participation of all stakeholders in both national and international stages to overcome the above mentioned asymmetry.

We hope our considerations will be contemplated, and look forward to a constructive and successfully second meeting in Bangkok.

Sincerely,

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