



The Director-General

- 8 MAY 2020

Dear Secretary-General,

The ILO has noted that ISO/TS/P 289 - the proposal for a new field of technical activity in social responsibility put forward by the Association française de normalisation (AFNOR) - is under consideration by the ISO Technical Management Board (ISO/TMB) and national standards bodies (NSBs).

As you may know, the ILO played a leading role during the development of ISO 26000:2010 under the 2005 MOU signed by ISO and the ILO; and welcomed it as an important contribution to the field of social responsibility.

We are concerned however that the accomplishments of ISO 26000:2010 stand to be called into question by the proposed revision. We would like to convey our concerns to the TMB and NSBs for their consideration prior to their vote, and we would request therefore that you circulate the attached ILO statement.

We appreciate your cooperation and remain at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Guy Ryder'. The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Guy Ryder

cc: Mr Roberto Suarez, Secretary-General, International Organization of Employers (IOE)

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