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Brussels, 25 March 2010

Dear Madam, dear Sirs,

RE: 5th TC 228 meeting - Request for taking out of the agenda item 16: TSE proposal (Turkey) - Environmentally friendly accommodation establishments (N 287)

Although HOTREC* enjoys only a liaison status with ISO Technical Committee 228, without voting right, we would like to express our views on the inclusion of item 16 in the draft agenda of the next TC 228 plenary meeting on 23 April 2010.

The proposal by the Turkish Standards Institute (TSE) on “Environmentally friendly accommodation establishments” was already presented to the TC 228 members at the 4th plenary meeting in Cappadocia on April 2009. On that occasion, as indicated in N 287 itself, TSE agreed to postpone its project, acknowledging that accommodation and catering services are excluded from the scope of the current TC 228 Business Plan.

Since the current Business Plan is still valid, the Turkish proposal continues to be out of the scope of TC 228. For this reason, HOTREC considers that it should not be on the agenda of the Iguagu meeting.

Moreover, ISO rules of procedures (point 4.2.1.3) state that “basic documents” (e.g. “new work item proposals”) shall be distributed at least 4 months before the date of the meeting. N 287, which is entitled “New work item proposal”, is dated 9 March 2010. This is an additional reason why it can not be included in the agenda for the April meeting.

* HOTREC represents the hotel, restaurant and café industry at European level. It counts 1.6 million businesses, with 92% of them being micro enterprises employing less than 10 people. The micro and small enterprises (having less than 50 employees) in the hospitality industry representing 99% of businesses make up some 62% of value added. The industry provides some 9 million jobs in the EU alone. HOTREC brings together 40 National Associations representing the interest of the industry in 24 different European countries.

Thank you therefore for removing this proposal from the agenda.

We would appreciate if our letter could be circulated to all participants in the work of ISO TC 228 via the *Livelink*.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Sequaris', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

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