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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION

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Mr. Branko Lukac, Secretary
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My dear Mr. Lukac:

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has for several months past had under study the obvious need for coordination of the activities of the many international bodies actively concerned with various aspects of standardization, including the Secretariat-General, several of the Commissions of the Economic and Social Council, and the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations, as well as the Technical Committees of ISO and other international organizations.

The coordination envisaged entails considerable expense to ISO and a substantial additional work load on the ISO staff and Technical Committees, assent to which must be obtained from the membership. A special report on the subject has been prepared and circulated to the Member Bodies of ISO (the national standardizing organizations of 27 countries), for consideration at the ISO General Assembly which convenes in Paris on July 7, 1949.

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After the General Assembly of next July, ISO will be in a position to place before the Economic and Social Council its suggestions regarding coordination. Meanwhile, this preliminary note is submitted so that the Transport and Communications Commission may know that ISO has the matter in hand.

Very sincerely yours,