



**WORLD FEDERATION
OF ENGINEERING
ORGANIZATIONS:
ANTI-CORRUPTION
STANDING COMMITTEE**

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Dear members of WFEO Anti-Corruption Standing Committee and all National Members,

Support by WFEO Anti-Corruption Standing Committee for the proposed new ISO 37001 anti-bribery management systems standard

At a meeting of the WFEO Anti-Corruption Standing Committee held in Paris on 10th December 2014, it was agreed that the Committee welcomed and supported the initiative of the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) to develop an international anti-bribery management systems standard ISO 37001.

It was also noted that WFEO has been appointed as a liaison organisation to the ISO project committee which is developing the standard, and that Kamel Ayadi is participating in the drafting meetings as WFEO representative.

It was also noted at the meeting that:

- a) ISO 37001 would be a vital tool which can help organisations demonstrate that they have implemented effective anti-bribery controls.
- b) ISO 37001 would be most effective if it is published as a requirements standard which is capable of independent certification. While most countries participating in the drafting of ISO 37001 support the new standard as a requirements standard capable of certification, some countries are pushing for the new standard to be merely a guidance standard which cannot be certified. The WFEO committee strongly believed that the certifiable requirements standard is the correct approach.

It was agreed that the Committee would circulate a summary on the proposed new standard to its members, and that members would contact their national standards bodies and encourage them to support the publication of ISO 37001 as soon as possible as a requirements standard. In particular, it was noted that a vote of 75% of ISO participating country members would be required to enable the standard to be published, therefore the positive vote of WFEO members' countries was vital. The vote will take place on the draft international standard in early 2016.

I therefore attach:

- A statement of support by the WFEO committee for the new standard.
- ISO 37001 FAQs which summarise the purpose, contents and publication timetable in relation to the standard.
- An article on ISO 37001 which could be used by you in your newsletters or other publications.

I request you therefore, as agreed at the meeting, to follow up with your national standards agencies to note your and WFEO's support for the standard, and try to help ensure a positive vote by them in favour of a requirements standard. If you have any specific questions on the standard or its development, please contact Neill Stansbury, who is the Chair of the ISO committee developing the standard, and who is also a Vice Chair of the WFEO Anti-Corruption Standing Committee. neill.stansbury@giaccentre.org

Regards,

Eng. Martin Manuhwa: Chair of WFEO Anti-Corruption Standing Committee