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To ISO/IEC TAG Administrators, US-Appointed Secretariats, and ANSI-Accredited Standards Developers:

We write to address the U.S. government's imposition of economic sanctions against Russia and the possible impact of those sanctions on international standards development.

We believe that, to the extent that international standards development activities involving Russian participants continue during this time, the prior interpretive guidance ANSI received from the U.S. Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") regarding standards development activities involving Iranian participants is relevant here. (See <https://www.ansi.org/resource-center/outreach-government>).

This means that Russian experts can participate in the standards development process to the extent meetings and activities are for the development and eventual publication of standards, the process is open to the public, and information that is shared is not proprietary or controlled for export to Russia. Information that is proprietary or subject to a non-disclosure agreement may be subject to U.S. export licensing requirements or prohibited from disclosure.

ANSI recommends that participants consult legal counsel before sharing any information that is non-public. Also, Russian participants who are identified by OFAC on the Specially Designated Nationals List may be subject to additional U.S. government restrictions, which may independently inhibit their participation in standards setting activities.

This is an evolving situation and we will continue to evaluate these restrictions. We anticipate issuing additional guidance as soon as we are able. If you have any questions, please direct them to me at pgriffin@ansi.org.

In the meantime, we join others throughout the world in a call for peace and an end to the current conflict in Ukraine.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia A. Griffin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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