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Mr Rob Steele
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Radio New Zealand House
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Dear Mr Steele

The APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) supports the efforts being undertaken through PASC regional bodies and the ISO to harmonise Standards in the Asia Pacific area. ABAC maintains a successful trade facilitation program, part of which addresses issues relating to standards and capacity building in the APEC region.

I believe it would be productive if we could arrange a meeting between ABAC and the Heads of the National Standards bodies in APEC. A convenient time and venue would your meeting in Cartagena, Colombia in the week commencing 23rd April 2007. Discussions between us will be of value in building a better understanding of the problems in the development of standards and steps to international harmonisation. In particular I am hopeful that an outcome could well be the focusing by ABAC and the Heads of the National Standards Bodies on just two areas or two topics where harmonisation could be achieved within a relative time frame.

In this respect, we are forwarding separately to you a simple survey which we would greatly appreciate your completing.

I am confident discussions between us will be helpful and I would appreciate your assistance in arranging a convenient time in Cartegna for a meeting with members from ABAC.

Yours sincerely

MARK JOHNSON
Chairman