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Dear FIATA Member,

CANCELLATION: FIATA HEADQUARTERS MEETINGS 24-28 MARCH 2020

It will come as no surprise to Members that the Presidency has, based upon best advice, made the decision to cancel the FIATA Headquarters meetings scheduled 24-28 March 2020. This decision being taken on the recent changes in the Covid-19 (corona virus) contagion in Italy and now in Switzerland. FIATA is mindful as to its duty of care to its Members, its staff and civil society who would be with FIATA at the event location the Swissotel Zurich. The event will not be rescheduled due to the uncertainty as to the ability of Governments to contain the continued spread of the virus in Switzerland and Europe, event dates/location conflicts and the impact on the World Congress 2020.

You recall in the Notice of 14 February that the decision taken at that time was based upon objective information available at that time however the events in Italy and Switzerland over the last ten days has seen a significant shift in that decision determination and subsequent review. A significant number of events/congresses/shows been cancelled, and FIATA, as advised, is not immune from the impacts of the Covid-19 impacts.

At the time of the previous Notice FIATA advised that any travel and accommodation arrangement be determined as to flexibility and cancellation/refund options. As to Invitation letter provided to persons as to visa applications these Invitation letters are now withdrawn, and this legal requirement should be noted accordingly. As to those persons who have paid a supplement for additional persons to attend the Headquarters meeting refund processes will be commenced. As to any particular activity that may have need to be undertaken at the meeting by Members intercessional action will now be commenced and any affected Member will be notified accordingly.

FIATA regrets this inconvenience; however, its corporate responsibility and duty of care should be noted. Our sympathies go to those affected by the Covid-19 all around the world.

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