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Dear IPSA Collective member,

It is with great regret we inform you that the IPSA Executive Committee, in coordination with our colleagues in the Turkish Political Science Association and the Local Organizing Committee, has made the difficult decision to relocate the 24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science.

Latest developments in Turkey and the region at large indicate deterioration in the security situation. The organization teams concluded that as we cannot guarantee the safety of all participants and provide an environment favorable to the exchange of intellectual ideas, we should not go to Istanbul at this time.

The Congress, originally scheduled to take place in Istanbul, will be relocated to a new host city in Europe, which will be announced by 25 March 2016. The main theme of the Congress and the scheduled dates (23-28 July 2016) will not change. All accepted panels and papers will be maintained in what is an outstanding Congress Program.

We would like to reiterate that this decision was made in close consultation with the Local Organizing Committee in Istanbul and IPSA remains firm in its commitment to the Turkish political science community.

We are convinced that the international community of political scientists will approve of the IPSA EC's decision and we sincerely count on your support as members and participants of the IPSA 24th World Congress of Political Science.

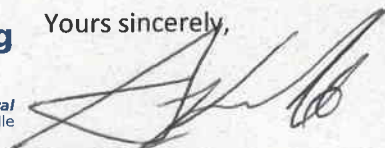
Relocation: emergency Bid Process

To find a host city in Europe for the relocation of the 2016 World Congress, the Secretariat will conduct an emergency bid process. The bids must be submitted by "national or regional political science associations that are collective members of IPSA to host IPSA congresses." (IPSA's Rules and Procedures. Annex 1, Article 1 – p. 30). In the circumstances, the Secretariat will also invite convention centers in Europe to present a bid.

The bid process will be launched next week and all potential candidates in Europe (members and congress center) will receive the same documentation at the same time. Meanwhile, we invite all interested associations to assess the possibilities of proposing a host city.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Yannick Saint-Germain at yannick.saintgermain@ipsa.org or visit our website at wc2016.ipsa.org.

Yours sincerely,

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