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Dear FIG Member Organisations,

Candidacy of Brian John Coutts for the office of President of FIG

I refer to the upcoming election of officers that will occur at the FIG General Assembly on the 6th and 11th May 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey.

We seek your support for the above candidate as we believe that he is best placed to take the organisation forward.

There are many challenges facing FIG today and Brian Coutts has done the groundwork and been involved at grassroots, technical and governance levels for over 20 years, long enough to have developed a deep understanding of what FIG does. Long enough also to understand that changes to governance and administration of FIG are required to refresh the organisation to meet the challenges of the future.

This candidate is offering to cooperatively develop and lead change aimed at making FIG more effective in its role going forward.

New Zealand surveyors are renowned for their practical and objective approach to problem-solving. Brian Coutts has worked in the areas of cadastral surveying, protected areas and statutory land use planning and environmental science, and has skills in mediation and professional practice and standards. He has spent 25 years on the staff of the University of Otago National School of Surveying, one of the world's premier institutions for surveyor education.

Brian has worked across government, private practice and academic sectors during his career.

He has spent over 30yrs as an advocate and leader for surveyors within NZ and internationally. Some of the positions held within professional bodies include:

- NZIS - President, Councillor, Fellow, Editor, Secretary
- Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board of New Zealand - Chairman


- Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE) - President
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) – Constitution Board member and Geomatics Faculty Board member
- FIG - Chair Commission 1, Chair Working Group on Voting Rights, Task Force on Commissions, Co-Chair ACCO, NZ delegate Commissions 1 and 8

Brian would provide an opportunity to raise the FIG profile in the Asia Pacific region.

NZIS is a strong supporter of and contributor to FIG. We believe in the value of FIG as the global voice for the profession and we want FIG to operate optimally and to represent everyone.

It is time a New Zealander held this role and Brian Coutts is the right person to be the next President of FIG.

Warm regards



Andrew Stirling, NZIS Board Chair



Rebecca Strang, NZIS President