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## Dear Technical delegates

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to you all, for the support and confidence you accorded to AE in our last meeting in Montreal - by accepting our invitation to host the 37th WorldSkills Competition in the AE in the year 2003. This was on the understanding that the year 2003 will be for the first time a "JOINT VENTURE" of all the IVTO members working together as a team towards the success of this event. All these past competitions was a one country show and we go there 6 months before each competition to check if everything is OK. We had in mind that 2003 will start on a competently new concept - Team Work.

However, today it is with sadness and regret to bring to your notice that due to circumstances arising from the somewhat regrettable and questionable attitude of the IVTO's Executive Board who feels that hosting of 2003 in the AE was a wrong decision, we therefore feel that it will be best to the interest of IVTO to withdraw our offer to host this competition.

We have written a detailed explanation to the General Secretariat.

We want to assure you all that AE has an open invitation to all of you interested to visit us any time and work with us. AE is a place you will never like to miss.

Thank you once again for your support.

With best regards

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