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Dear Michael and Claudio

With reference to the recent questions on impartiality of the IRT-members that Claudio has received I would like to clarify SSM's position.

1. The IPR is an independent peer review organised by the OECD/NEA. Therefore, by definition, the NEA has the full responsibility for selecting the experts of the team. SSM has, through the Term-of-Reference, provided general requests on the competences to be represented and rules concerning conflict of interest/impartiality. Hence, the NEA (together with the IRTchairman) should evaluate that these general requests are met. Further, as stated in the ToR, "Any suspicion of the above or other circumstances that could lead to conflicts of interest should be reported to SSM's contact person prior to the final establishment of the international peer review team.". In such cases SSM will provide a recommendation to the NEA.

2. In the case of Dr Simcha Stroes-Gascoyne the NEA has requested SSM to provide a judgement on impartiality. Based on the information received, SSM came to the conclusion that Dr Gascoyne's review of 4 pages of her husband's report for SKB is not a sufficient reason to disqualify her as a member of the IRT.

3. SSM has a special form concerning conflict of interest. This form should be supplied by consultants directly procured by SSM. However, for the independent IPR SSM has not requested that this form be supplied. Instead we have provided a summary of the rules to be taken into account by the NEA in its selection of experts, as discussed above.

Should you have any questions or require further clarifications please let me know.

Best regards
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