

Protocol Between CENELEC and AMN

Foreword

As a consequence of the statement of intentions signed in Buenos Aires during the IRAM International Congress held on 10-11 May 2000, the MERCOSUR Association for Standardisation (hereinafter called AMN), and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation (hereinafter called CENELEC), met to discuss a workable and useful co-operation aimed at improving the mutual understanding of each organisation. Both organisations agreed to develop the relevant actions to establish a framework agreement for co-operation.

Object

The two organisations agree that:

- a) AMN (and MERCOSUR) is evolving in a way similar and according to the same principles prevailing in Europe.
- b) Besides, the new round of Multilateral negotiations in the framework of the WTO, together with the agreement on commercial negotiations between the UE and Mercosur and Chile, launched after the Summit of June 1999 in Rio de Janeiro, have created significant perspectives for better and closer relations between the two areas and to improve commercial exchanges.

Consequently, CENELEC and AMN respectively, agree to collaborate to acquire a full comprehension of the way each approaches standardisation, so as to be able to explain it to the interested parties in their respective regions.

Actions

The parties agree that this could be obtained through following actions:

1. Training:

1.1 CENELEC agrees to train AMN officers in matters relating to jobs/tasks performed by Regional Organisations, in training visits to be held in Brussels.

1.2 Within this context, and once agreed by the relevant regional organisations bodies, any national standardisation body could request any training action for specific issues (information technology tools, sales, edition, etc....)

2. Seminars:

CENELEC agrees to conduct through its National Standardisation Bodies (NSB's), seminars to be held in Spanish and/or Portuguese about the basic values of European Standardisation and the European New Approach related to the electrotechnical sector, in one or more of the member countries of MERCOSUR. The seminars should be organised by AMN together with CENELEC and addressed specifically to the relevant stakeholders.

3. Exchange of information:

CENELEC and AMN agree to exchange information on electrotechnical standardisation. Two actions in this respect would be:

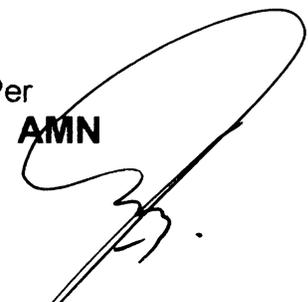
- I. Exchange of Institutional documentation:
CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, etc, AMN Internal rules
- II. to establish relevant contacts for technical work developed in CENELEC and AMN standardisation activities.
- III. to take the appropriate actions in order to facilitate the proper interchange of technical documentation.

Logistic and financial responsibilities:

- a) The practical implementation of this protocol will be adopted through specific projects in which each party will define responsibilities, financial conditions, and goals to be developed in specific annexes.

Signed in Buenos Aires, on November 22nd, 2000

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