

# **Protocol Between CEN 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, where the MERCOSUR Association for Standardization (hereafter called AMN), and the European Committee for Standardization (hereafter called CEN), met to discuss a workable and useful co-operation aimed at improving the mutual understanding of each organization. Both organizations agreed to develop the relevant actions to establish a framework agreement for co-operation.

## **Object**

The two organizations agree that:

- a) MERCOSUR is evolving according to the same principles prevailing in Europe, with AMN undertaking a role similar to that of CEN.
- b) The new round of Multilateral negotiations in the framework of the WTO, together with the agreement on commercial negotiations between the EU and Mercosur and Chile, launched after the Summit of June 1999 in Rio de Janeiro, have created significant prospects for closer relations and improved commercial exchanges between the two regions.

Consequently, CEN and AMN agree to collaborate and to promote mutual understanding of the roles of each organization in their respective regions.

## **Actions**

The parties agree that this can be obtained through the actions detailed below. It is recognised, however, that for the actions to be undertaken, the appropriate funding must be available:

### **1. Training:**

- 1.1 CEN agrees to train AMN officers in matters relating to jobs/tasks performed by Regional Organizations, in training visits to be held in Brussels.
- 1.2 Within this context, and once agreed by the relevant body within the regional organization, any national standards body may request training on specific issues (information technology tools, sales, publishing, etc....)

2. Seminars:

CEN agrees to conduct seminars, through its national members on the basic values of European Standardization and the European New Approach. The seminars shall be organised by AMN together with CEN, and addressed specifically to the relevant stakeholders.

3. Exchange of information:

CEN and AMN agree to exchange information on standardization by:

- I. the exchange of institutional documentation: ie  
CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, AMN Internal Rules
- II. establishing relevant contacts for technical work developed through CEN and AMN standardization activities.
- III. taking the appropriate actions in order to facilitate the proper interchange of technical documentation.

**Logistical and financial responsibilities**

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 Milan, on (date) 2000/09/27

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