

The European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization hereafter named CENELEC and

The Council for Harmonization of Electrotechnical Standards of the Nations of the Americas hereafter named CANENA

Agree to establish a formal liaison between both organizations in order to exchange regular views on standardization and conformity assessment issues in order to improve the understanding of their respective systems and hopefully remove any barriers to trade arising from these issues.

To this end:


1. They will invite representatives of the respective organizations to their General Meetings as observers;
2. They will organize informal liaison meetings on a regular basis;
  - 2.a. to discuss possible problems in the standardization area,
  - 2.b. to discuss new incentives from the regulatory area influencing the standardization work;
  - 2.c. to discuss their respective conformity assessment systems in order to come possibly to a convergence.

Meetings between CENELEC and CANENA will normally be hosted alternatively by CENELEC and CANENA.

Signed in Helsinki on 3 June 2003

For CANENA

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