



UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

## Recommendations on regulatory cooperation and standardization policies

Working Party on  
Regulatory Cooperation and  
Standardization Policies

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## Acceptance of Conformity Assessment Results<sup>1</sup>

### The Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies,

**Bearing in mind** that activities for the assessment of conformity of products and services are complementary to standardization activities;

**Bearing in mind** that it is desirable to facilitate international trade by avoiding the duplication of conformity assessment procedures which are not justified on grounds of safety and public health;

#### Has agreed to recommend that:

- G.1** Governments should contribute to the development of multilateral agreements for the acceptance of the results of conformity assessment procedures (e.g. calibration, testing, inspection, certification, accreditation) or, in their absence, promote the conclusion of bilateral agreements or other agreements.
- G.2** Governments should take into consideration article 6 of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade in the acceptance of conformity assessment results.
- G.3** Governments should draft, or contribute to the drafting of, clauses on acceptance of conformity assessment results in more general agreements concerning the harmonization or equivalence of technical regulations, or on mutual recognition of conformity assessment systems.

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<sup>1</sup> Recommendation adopted in 1988.

- G.4** National accreditation systems for conformity assessment bodies already existing or in the process of being established, should be based, as far as the requirements for the technical competence of conformity assessment bodies are concerned, on the application of the relevant ISO/IEC Guides and Standards.
- G.5** Governments should promote the conclusion of multilateral agreements or, in their absence, bilateral agreements for the mutual recognition of national accreditation systems.