This paper has been submitted by the Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Certification of Kazakhstan and contains proposals on the draft international agreement.

It is recalled that drafts of the text of the Agreement and of its protocols are contained in documents TRADE/WP.6/1999/16 and TRADE/WP.6/1999/16/Add.1 respectively which were submitted to the ninth session of the Working Party in May 1999.

Some of the comments on the Agreement were reproduced in the document of the ninth session TRADE/WP.6/1999/5/Add.1

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Proposals from Kazakhstan on the International Agreement on Technical Harmonization Issues


The signing of the International Agreement on Technical Regulation, in our opinion, would contribute to further rapprochement of existing norms and standards and, as a result, to the elimination of technical obstacles to international trade.

The draft of this Agreement determines the way to realizing tasks related to the main directions of coordination.

In this connection, it would be reasonable to envisage in the draft of the Agreement a chapter "directions of coordination", and include in it such directions as:

- Participation in the development of international standards on areas, determined in the ECE Standardization List;
- Harmonization of national standards with international requirements in accordance with the ECE Standardization List;
- Providing of technical help on technical norms and standards to countries with transition economies.

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