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**WORKSHOP ON CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES
AND TRADE FACILITATION**

CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE ORIENTATIONS

**Tuesday, 30 October 2001, 10.00 a.m.
Palais des Nations (Salle IX), Geneva**

Provisional agenda

This paper is presented for information to delegates.

For an information note on the workshop, describing its purpose and the issues to be addressed, see annex 1 to the provisional agenda of the Working Party session (document TRADE/WP.6/2001/1).

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Opening session

10.00 - 10.10 *Opening of the Workshop* (Danuta Hübner, Executive Secretary, UNECE)

10.10 - 10.20 Conformity assessment matters in the work of the UNECE Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies (WP.6)
Christer Arvius, Chairman of WP.6

Session 1 **Conformity Assessment Procedures - protection of legitimate concerns of Governments and consumers or obstacle to international trade?**

10.20 - 10.40 Fundamentals of Conformity Assessment - unsettled matters for international cooperation - views from a standardizer
Lucien Tronel AFNOR (France)

10.40 - 10.55 Conformity Assessment and legitimate government concerns –views from a regulator
Petro Kaban, President, State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Certification (Ukraine)

10.55 - 11.10 Transforming a country's conformity assessment system – experience of Slovakia
Kvetoslava Steinlova, Head of Department, Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing (Slovakia)

11.10 – 11.30 Implementation and use of international standards, guides and recommendations for conformity assessment – international perspective
Presentation by International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
Yasukazu Fukuda; Head, Conformity Assessment, ISO

11.30 – 11.50 The role of management standards (ISO 9000, ISO 14000, etc.) as a conformity assessment tool in international trade-industry view
Lars Dittmer, Director, Telecom Policies and Regulations, Ericsson (Sweden)

11.50 –12.00 Questions and discussions

Session 2 Experience of international cooperation and agreements on recognition of conformity assessment

Experience of intergovernmental mutual recognition agreements

12.00 – 12.20 Experience of negotiating and implementing Government-to-Government MRAs (mutual recognition agreements)
Martin Loken, Permanent Mission of Canada

Experience of voluntary agreements between conformity assessment bodies

12.20 – 12.40 Presentation by International Accreditation Forum (IAF)
Ralf Egner, Director for Product Certification, TGA (Germany)

12.40 – 13.00 IEC conformity assessment schemes
Richard Kay, IEC (International Electro-technical Commission)

13.00-15.00 **Lunch break**

Experience of voluntary agreements between conformity assessment bodies

15.00-15.20 Presentation by European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories (EUROLAB)
Bent Larsen, Director, FORCE-Dantest Cert (Denmark)

15.20-15.40 Development of an OIML mutual acceptance arrangement of type test /evaluation results
Attila Szilvassy, International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)

15.40-16.00 Unilateral recognition of results of foreign conformity assessment procedures
Heinz Hertig, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Switzerland

Experience from the use of supplier's declaration of conformity in international trade

16.00-16.20 Presentation from Industry Cooperation on Standardization and Conformity Assessment (ICSCA) and International Federation of Standard Users (IFAN)
Thomas Fisher, Corporate Manager, Siemens (Germany)

16.20 – 16.40 Questions and Discussion

Conclusions of the Workshop

16.40 – 17.00 Proposals on possible follow-up activities, and closing of the Workshop

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