Draft decision of the 22nd Annual Session of the Working Party on regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6) held on 7-9 November 2012, Geneva

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda

1) The WP. 6 approved the provisional agenda.

Item 2: Election of officers

2) In accordance with the Commission’s rules of procedures and established practice, the Working Party elected Ms. Marion Stoldt as Chair, and Mr. Koreshkov and Mr. Mihok and as vice-chairs.

3) The Working Party expressed its appreciation to the outgoing Chair, Mr. Arvius, and nominated him as Senior Advisor to the Bureau.

Item 3: Matters arising

4) The Working Party noted the report of the director on the matters arising from the meetings of the Committee on Trade and on the ongoing ECE Review.

5) The report of the 21st session (ECE/TRADE/WP.6/2011/15) and the report of the Planning Session of UNECE WP. 6 Activities (ECE/TRADE/WP.6/2012/3) were adopted.

Item 4: Risk Management in Regulatory System

6) The Working Party adopted the progress report of the Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems (ECE/TRADE/WP.6/2012/4). It expressed appreciation for the publication Risk Management in Regulatory Frameworks (ECE/TRADE/390). It requested the Secretariat and the Bureau to continue the work and publish the results of the work as appropriate. The Working Party elected Mr. Knight as Chair of the Group of Experts on Risk Management and Mr. Nikonov as Coordinator of the GRM.

Item 5: Introducing standards-related issues in educational curriculum

7) The Working Party thanked speakers and participants of the Workshop on “Introducing standards-related issues in educational curricula” for their contribution and endorsed the conclusions of the workshop.

8) The Working Party adopted the revised recommendation “I” with some amendments. The final text will be made available on the website.
9) The Working Party agreed to continue the work on education on standards-related issues. It proposed to establish a new initiative on “education on standardization” under the START team and entrust secretariat to initiate necessary consultations to involve interested stakeholders in this project.

10) The Working Party requested the secretariat to invite other UNECE sectoral committees and working parties (besides UN/CEFACT) to contribute to this cross sectoral initiative. It also requested the Secretariat and the Bureau to consider the feasibility of preparing and publishing a compilation of good practices (from governments, academia, standards-setting bodies, etc) in this area.

Item 6: Regulatory cooperation


14) The Working Party thanked the participants of the High-Level Segment on Regulatory Cooperation for their presentations.

Item 7: Standardization and regulatory practice

15) The Working Party thanked the participants of the panel session on “Standardization and regulatory practice” for their presentations.

Item 9: Review of recent developments in conformity assessment and accreditation

16) The Working Party thanked the participants of the panel session on “Conformity Assessment and Accreditation” for their presentations. It noted the proposal for cooperation with the ISO/CASCO representative and will hold consultations on how to contribute to the development of best practice in conformity assessment as related to the development and implementation of regulations.

Item 10: Market surveillance

17) The Working Party thanked the Chairperson of the MARS Group and the SOSMT organization for hosting the 10th meeting of the MARS Group and for her report on the meeting.
18) The Working Party noted the directions of future work indicated by the Chairperson of the MARS group. The Working Party encouraged delegations to nominate the facilitator for the future work of the MARS group related to the regional cooperation in the area and to indicate areas where further cooperation is needed.


**Item 11: Metrology**

20) The Working Party thanked the rapporteur on Metrology for his presentation

**Item 13: Other business**