PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION AND INTERACTION IN THE FIELD OF METROLOGY BETWEEN COOMET AND EASC

Euro-Asian Cooperation of National Metrological Institutions (COOMET) and Interstate Council for Standardization, Metrology and Certification of the Commonwealth of Independent States (EASC) (hereinafter referred to as Parties) recognizing
similarity of goals, objectives and cooperation issues in the field of metrology,
the need of enhancing cooperation in the field of metrology,
deem it appropriate to improve the level of coordination when addressing challenges of mutual interest, and for that purpose:

Article 1
take into consideration in their work relevant documents and recommendations of COOMET while developing intergovernmental technical normative documents in the field of metrology for the purpose of harmonization of their metrological rules and regulations with international ones, if any;
execute the relevant work in compliance with provisions of the CIPM MRA (Mutual Recognition Arrangement for national measurement standards and for calibration and measurement certificates issued by National Metrology Institutes (NMIs)) to establish and improve national hierarchies of measurement standards of the countries that are members to the Agreement on the Coordinated Policy on Standardization, Metrology and Certification of 13 March 1992 (hereinafter referred to as Agreement of 13.03.1992) according to trade/commercial, economic, scientific and technical needs of these countries;
contribute to enhancing the awareness of the metrological community about the Parties' cooperation at both the national and the international level;
will exert necessary efforts for:
   updating the List of National Standards of the Member Countries to the Agreement of 13.03.1992;
   providing assistance to the National Metrology Institutes (NMIs) (or other metrological agencies serving as NMIs) of the Member Countries to the Agreement of 13.03.1992 that are not members of COOMET for their signing the CIPM MRA and for taking appropriate steps for submission their Calibration and Measurement Capabilities (CMC) to the BIPM international database through COOMET; and for assessment of quality management systems against the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025;
encouraging the NMIs of the EASC Member Countries that are not members of COOMET to participate in comparisons of state measurement standards together with the COOMET member NMIs, incl. comparisons carried out on a bilateral basis;
establishing appropriate conditions and preferences for metrological activities within the CIS to strengthen liaisons among the NMIs and other legal entities working in the field of metrology.
Article II
Referring to organizational structures and scope of cooperation, will assume coordination of joint projects as regards:
- development of technical normative documents that regulate development and application of reference measurement procedures (methods);
- implementation of the CIPM MRA, including assessment of quality management systems according to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025;
- development and use of reference materials for composition and properties of substances and materials compliant with relevant international standards;
- implementation of calibration and measurement uncertainty;
- comparisons of state measurement standards;
- formulation of regional policy for metrological traceability;
- professional training in the field of metrology, organization of conferences, seminars, workshops, study visits or secondments as well as activities in other areas of cooperation where the Parties might wish to interact.

Will provide for exchange of information on urgent issues of their cooperation.
Technical cooperation is carried out by the working bodies of the EASC and COOMET, particularly by the STCMetr and the TCs of COOMET.
The Bureau of Standards of the EASC and the COOMET Secretariat ensure that issues to be considered in regard to the cooperation in the field of metrology are included in the meeting agendas of the STCMetr, the EASC and the COOMET Committee accordingly.

This Protocol is signed in Pyatigorsk (Russian Federation) on 28 of June 2019 in two original copies both in Russian and English kept by the COOMET Secretariat and the Bureau of Standards of the EASC, which will distribute its certified copies to the COOMET and EASC members respectively.

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