



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CENELEC AND AFSEC

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish the relationship between:

CENELEC, the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization and **AFSEC**, African Electrotechnical Standardization Committee, in order to reinforce the cooperation in all matters relating to electrotechnical standardization so as to facilitate

- a) the exchange of goods and services between the countries of the EU and EFTA and the countries belonging to the African continent , and
- b) the interconnection of the electrical networks of Europe and Africa.

The Memorandum of Understanding between **AFSEC** and **CENELEC** has been drafted with the following objectives:

1. To encourage communication between organizations through exchange of information and documentation;
2. To promote mutual understanding of the roles of each organization in their respective regions;
3. To promote knowledge of standards development activities of each organization;
4. To adopt a complementary approach to the standardization process in areas of mutual interest;
5. To achieve and promote standardization, through the maximum adoption or harmonized adaptation of international standards;
6. To avoid duplication wherever possible; and
7. To have access to translated standards and related documents when available;
8. To increase the level of African expertise in the matter of standardization.

ARTICLE 1 Information exchange

AFSEC and **CENELEC** agree to regularly exchange information on standards through:

- The exchange of institutional documents (that is to say, the **CEN / CENELEC** Internal Regulations and Guides, **AFSEC** Rules);
- The establishment of contacts between the relevant groups for technical work developed by **CENELEC** and **AFSEC** standardization activities, and

- Taking appropriate measures to facilitate the exchange of technical documentation and information, and
- The provision of standards and technical documents relating to normalization being translated into English, French, and Portuguese.

In order to facilitate and develop exchanges of information between the two organizations, both parties agree to make every effort to facilitate a visit to their websites at www.cenelec.eu and www.afsec-africa.org by creating a direct link.

ARTICLE 2

Discussion

AFSEC and **CENELEC** will meet regularly, e.g. once a year to exchange their views and coordinate, to the extent possible, their positions on issues of common interest.

AFSEC and **CENELEC** will possibly establish a program of joint activity.

AFSEC and **CENELEC** accept that the other party participates as observers in their respective general meetings.

ARTICLE 3

Knowledge Transfer

CENELEC (including any of its members) can offer training and capacity building of staff and the members of **AFSEC** on matters relating to their activities, and/or standardization work.

AFSEC (including any of its members) can offer training to staff and members of **CENELEC** on matters relating to their activities.

Such training and capacity building may be held at mutually agreed venues in Europe or in Africa.

In this context, and once agreement is reached with the continental organization, any member of **AFSEC** can approach **CENELEC**, or one of its members, for training or capacity building purposes on specific topics.

CENELEC may conduct seminars in cooperation with its members on the basic values of regional standardization. The seminars will be organized by **CENELEC** in collaboration with **AFSEC** and will be targeted at relevant stakeholders of both parties.

ARTICLE 4
Final Provisions

CENELEC and **AFSEC** recognize that the implementation of activities under the Memorandum of Understanding depends on the availability of adequate funding. However, both organizations will take the necessary actions to find solutions.

AFSEC and **CENELEC** agree to regularly review this Memorandum of Understanding to ensure it meets its stated objectives.

The **AFSEC** Executive Secretary and are responsible for the implementation of this agreement. Regular reports will be submitted to both councils.

This MoU will remain in effect until either party request its termination. A six months' notice shall be given in writing.

This MoU will be published in English and French. In case of different interpretation, the original English version prevails.

Article 5
Glossary

CENELEC	Comité européen de normalisation électrotechnique
AFSEC	African Electrotechnical Standardization Commission.
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EU	European Union

Signed on behalf of **AFSEC**.....Date.....

AFSEC President

Signed on behalf of **CENELEC**.....Date.....