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### Information On the Introduction of New Intergovernmental Standards of CIS Countries and Regulations On Certification Procedures and Fees Charged for Such

The Governmental Commission on Ukraine's Accession to the WTO has submitted the following information on the introduction of new intergovernmental standards of CIS Countries, as well as regulations on certification procedures and fees charged for such, with the request that it be circulated to members of the Working Party.

1. The State Committee of Ukraine for Standardization considers the participation in the work of the Inter-State Council for Standardization, Metrology and Certification (IC) to be its participation in the regional organization of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO-EASC).

Thirty-four inter-State committees covering the most important areas of scientific and technological activity are functioning in Ukraine under the scheme of operation of the IC. These committees have worked out about 600 inter-State standards (GOST).

The State Committee of Ukraine for Standardization submitted a list of measures for the implementation of international and european standards on the regional level (the CIS countries) for consideration of the 11th session of the IC. These measures included:

- development of a programme for the direct implementation of international and European standards as inter-state for reciprocally shipped products and methods of their testing in compliance with the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 244 of 19 March 1997; and,
- development of a programme on inter-laboratory comparative testing of reciprocally shipped products subject to compulsory certification proceeding from the generally accepted international practice of carrying out such testing to insure a high level of reliability of the testing results and the safety of the products for people and the environment.

The issues of the direct implementation of international and european standards as inter-State ones and the development of an inter-laboratory comparative testing programme have been supported by the all IC participating states which was stated in the decision of the 11th session of the IC.

2. No dues are to be paid in Ukraine for certification of products. Payment for the fulfilment of certification work is determined in the contract between the client and the contractor as provided for in Article 19 of the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on standardization and certification

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No. 46-93 of 10 May 1993. Recommendations for determining the value of certification services can be found in Schedule K to the DSTU 3413-96.

3. Ukraine has undertaken responsibilities for the harmonisation of the legislation, norms, rules, regulations and standards as well as the procedures for measuring compliance (certification) for making them more compatible with european ones under the Agreement On Partnership and Co-operation Between Ukraine and the European Communities (Articles 51 and 56). The same obligation is mentioned in the Economic Policy Memorandum for the period since July 1997 to June 1998 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine agreed with the International Monetary Fund (page 26).

Further development of the national standardization and certification system with the aim of making it more compatible with the european one is the main direction of its evolution.

On the initiative of the State Committee of Ukraine for Standardization, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted the Resolution No. 244 on measures for the gradual implementation in Ukraine of the provisions of the European Communities Directives, sanitary, ecological, veterinary, phytosanitary norms and international and European standards (hereinafter - the Resolution) on 19 March 1997. The Resolution provided for the adoption of 25 Laws of Ukraine and the preparation of 14 industry programmes for the implementation in Ukraine of the standards and other regulations harmonised with the corresponding international and european ones.

With the aim of realising the Resolution, a meeting was held at the State Committee of Ukraine for Standardization on 15 May 1997 in which representatives of Ministries and other bodies of the central executive power determined as responsible executors of the Resolution, representatives of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, technical committees for standardization participated. The European Communities experts working under the TACIS project "Standardization and Certification in Ukraine" - representatives of the Ministry of Industry of France, Ministry of Labour of France and the French Association for Standardization AFNOR also took part in the meeting.

The work has been carried out in accordance with the plan of measures approved by the Resolution as of to-day.

In 1996, the State Committee of Ukraine for Standardization joined the Voluntary Practice Code for the development, approval and utilisation of standards (Appendix 3 to the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade).

The State Committee of Ukraine for Standardization as a national agency for standardization and certification is basing its activities on the principles of the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) that Ukraine has been a member of since 1993 and the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) of which the State Committee of Ukraine for Standardization became a Corresponding Member in 1997. The State Committee of Ukraine for Standardization has also prepared a full set of documents for joining the European Electrotechnical Commission CENELEC and has sent it for the consideration of the CENELEC governing body.