



## Memorandum of Understanding Between IEC and CROSQ

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

The International Electrotechnical Commission, **IEC**, and the CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality, **CROSQ**, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties".

- Recognizing the need for worldwide international standards;
- Planning to establish cooperation in the fields of standardization and conformity assessment based on international principles and regulations;
- Responsible for ensuring that national, regional and international standards, and their application facilitate international trade;
- Committing to facilitate cooperation between IEC and CROSQ for these purposes;

Hereby approve the articles of this agreement for cooperation on topics and projects covering standardization, conformity assessment and mutual exchange of information and publications between the two organizations.

### Article 1 General

IEC and the CROSQ agree to:

- Exchange information on standardization.
- Promote communication.
- Encourage the use of IEC International Standards by way of national adoption by countries in the region, in accordance with IEC rules.
- Allow the endorsement and identification of IEC International Standards as CARICOM Regional Standards CRS in accordance with ISO/IEC Guide 21-1, Section 5.2, once at least three quarters of the membership of CROSQ have adopted them as national standards (this being the official adoption point for a CRS). Such endorsements cannot contain any parts of the text of the original IEC International Standards they refer to, and they shall be reported to the IEC Central Office through the IEC Affiliate Secretariat. CROSQ licences IEC the right to use the data and information provided in its reporting on regional adoptions. CROSQ cannot sell IEC International Standards.
- Facilitate the use of IEC Conformity Assessment Systems through the Affiliate Conformity Assessment Status (ACAS).

- Mention partnership on websites.
- Have cross representation in annual meetings and workshops.
- Enhance participation in the IEC Affiliate Country Programme.

## **Article 2 Exchange of Views and Best Practices**

IEC and the CROSQ agree to:

- Allow each other to observe their respective General Assemblies and related workshops which will permit the parties to meet and exchange views on matters of common interest.
- Seek opportunities to cooperate and to share best practices.
- Work together to efficiently and effectively organize and implement the IEC Mentoring Programme for Affiliate Countries where necessary.

## **Article 3 Final Provisions**

- IEC and the CROSQ recognize that the implementation of the activities within the framework of this MoU is dependent on the availability of appropriate funding.
- Term and termination:  
This MoU will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature below. It shall be tacitly renewed for consecutive 5 year periods unless Parties agree to terminate the MoU. Either party can terminate this MoU within six (6) months of written notice. Should either party exercise its right to termination, the Parties agrees that the responsibilities, agreements, arrangements or understandings as defined by the scope and terms of this MoU, including its purpose, are hereby relinquished.
- Transfer to third parties:  
Transfer of the rights to third parties is excluded without the mutual agreement of IEC and CROSQ.
- Interpretation:  
Any issues concerning the interpretation and fulfilment of this MoU shall be resolved through mutual consultations and negotiations between the Parties or by any other mutually agreed means.

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For the IEC

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