



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF STANDARDS USERS (IFAN)  
AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION (IEC)**

**1. *General considerations***

- 1.1** Recognizing the valuable role of the International Federation of Standards Users in promoting the implementation of standards, in consolidating standards users' interests in standardization and related areas, and in exchanging views based on experience in the field of the application of standards; and
- 1.2** Recognizing the leading role of the International Electrotechnical Commission in promoting, through its national members, international cooperation on all questions of standardization and related matters, such as the assessment of conformity to standards, in the fields of electricity, electronics and related technologies;
- 1.3** The President of IFAN and the General Secretary of IEC have, in accordance with the statutes of their respective organizations, agreed upon the following principles and guidelines to govern cooperation between their two organizations and the coordination of their activities in all areas where their functions and activities are complementary and mutually supportive.

**2. *Cooperation and consultation***

- 2.1** Representatives of IFAN and IEC will be invited to the meetings of the IEC Council and of the IFAN Members' Assembly respectively.
- 2.2** The IEC Central Office will inform the IFAN Secretariat on progress and results of studies on the use of IEC standards, as well as resolutions and decisions taken by the IEC Council and Council Board, which may have implications for the dissemination of information on standards and for the distribution and application of standards.
- 2.3** The IFAN Secretariat will inform the IEC Central Office on the progress and results of IFAN studies, resolutions and decisions representing feedback from users with respect to the development of standards, the dissemination of information on standards, the distribution and application of standards and to related areas.
- 2.4** IEC and IFAN may decide to undertake joint studies related to standardization, in particular where the studies require a wide range of



respondents and/or joint participation of standards users and standards developers.

- 2.5** IFAN representatives may participate as observers, on either a regular or an ad hoc basis, in activities of management advisory committees and TCs of interest to IFAN, in accordance with the existing IEC procedures; IEC representatives may likewise participate in IFAN International Conferences and IFAN project groups of interest to IEC.

**3. *Implementation, amendment and termination***

- 3.1** IFAN and IEC will implement this Memorandum in accordance with their respective rules and administrative practices. No provision in this Memorandum shall be deemed to be a waiver of the privileges and immunities of IFAN or IEC.
- 3.2** This Memorandum may be amended in writing by mutual agreement and may be terminated by either party by giving written notice at least three months in advance.

Signed on behalf of the IEC

Signed by:  
Mr. Frans Vreeswijk  
General Secretary

Date: Geneva  
25 September 2018

Signed on behalf of IFAN

Signed by:  
Mr. Ross Wraight  
President

Date: Geneva  
25 September 2018