MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN

THE ALBANIAN GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF STANDARDIZATION (DPS) AND THE TURKISH STANDARDS INSTITUTION (TSE)

The Albanian General Directorate of Standardization (DPS) and the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

Taking into consideration the importance of accelerating of collaboration in the fields of standardization for enhancing commercial relations, and based on the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) signed between two countries as well as the Protocol of the Tenth Session of the Albanian-Turkish Economic, Commercial, Industrial and Technical Cooperation Joint Commission,

Considering the benefits of the activity in the fields of standardization and therefore desiring to engage in technical cooperation within the scope of their activities and the limits of their competence,

Have agreed on the following areas of cooperation:

ARTICLE 1 Scope

The scope of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the Parties in the fields of standardization through exchange of knowledge and experience for achieving mutual benefit and facilitating mutual trade.

ARTICLE 2 Areas of Cooperation

(a) Standardization

- 1. The Parties agree to work in coordination with each other in the fields of standardization both at regional and international level.
- 2. The Parties agree to exchange standards in identified areas to facilitate the trade activities between the two countries.
- 3. The Parties shall perform the cooperation in the fields of standardization in accordance with their respective legislation.
- 4. The Parties shall cooperate in the standardization works, and implementation of procedures and regulations in the international and European standardization concerning:



- · Development of draft standards,
- · Implementation of standards,
- Organizing the standardization works and usage of computer techniques in development of standards,
- Supporting each other at the international and regional platforms such as International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), European Committee for Standardization (CEN), and European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC).

(b) Exchange of Information

- 1. The Parties agree to exchange publications, scientific data, books, periodicals, articles etc. and encourage their reciprocal publications in their own countries. Both sides shall have free access to each other's documentation and information centers.
- 2. The Parties agree to exchange relevant documents, research findings and any other information that may help spreading of knowledge relating to standardization.

ARTICLE 3 Exchange of Experts

- 1. The Parties agree on exchange of experts for the purpose of pursuing the objectives of this MoU for development in activities relating to standardization.
- 2. The Parties commit themselves to maintain their training activities with the aim of further increasing the experience of their experts in standardization.
- 3. The costs for international and internal travel and subsistence of the experts under this MoU shall be determined through exchange of letters.

ARTICLE 4 Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding

This MoU may be amended and supplement as agreed between the Parties.

ARTICLE 5 Miscellaneous

- 1. The Parties shall, where needed, meet to review the present state of cooperation and to evaluate the achievement of objectives set herein.
- 2. This MoU shall be executed in accordance with an implementation program specifying the concrete steps to take, as agreed upon by the concerned authorities in Albania and Turkey.

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ARTICLE 6 Entry into Force and Validity

This MoU shall enter into force from the date of its signing. This MoU shall remain valid for 5 years and shall be renewed automatically for a further five years period, unless the Parties send a notification for its termination two months prior to the completion of the validity period.

This Memorandum of Understanding on technical cooperation signed in Tirana on December $8^{\rm th}$, 2009, in two original copies each in English language.

ON BEHALF OF THE ALBANIAN GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF STANDARDIZATION (DPS) ON BEHALF OF THE TURKISH STANDARDS INSTITUTION (TSE)

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