



AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN ISO AND PASC

CONSIDERING ISO/Council resolution 26/1992 relating to cooperation with regional standards organizations,

CONSIDERING ISO/Council resolution 29/2006 and PASC Resolution 6 from PASC XXIX,

CONSIDERING the PASC Charter as revised by PASC XXVII in May 2004,

ISO, represented by its Secretary General Alan Bryden

And

PASC, represented by the Chair of PASC XXIX, Mr. Martin Kuscus, and by the Chair of its Standing Committee, Mr. Gary W. Kushnier

Have agreed to the following:

1 Basis for cooperation

Pursuant to the above referenced PASC Charter, the national standards bodies members of PASC have agreed on following objectives for PASC:

- strengthen international standardization programmes developed in particular by ISO and IEC and to improve the ability of Pacific Rim standards organizations to participate in these programmes effectively;
- improve the quality and capacity of standardization in economies of the region;
- support free and fair trade within the region and with economies in other regions;
- support improvement of economic efficiency and development of the region through the promotion of standardization;
- interact with other bodies that represent elements of the standardization technical infrastructure, industry, consumers and government.

In this context, this agreement aims to strengthen the cooperation between ISO and its members on the Pacific Rim and to support the practical realization of the above objectives for the mutual benefit of ISO, PASC and the Pacific Rim Countries.

2 General exchange of information at the Secretariat level

The ISO Central Secretariat shall provide the PASC Secretary with access to the following documents otherwise available to ISO members:

- The ISO Strategic Plan and its yearly implementation plans, as well as other general policy documents;
- ISO Memento, Catalogue, and lists other ISO publications;
- The ISO technical work programme indicating states of progress and target dates;
- Proposals for new fields of technical activity (TSPs) ;
- Working documents and meeting reports prepared for CASCO, COPOLCO, DEVCO and REMCO meetings.

The PASC Secretary shall regularly issue to the ISO Central Secretariat:

- The directory of PASC members;
- The PASC Action Plan indicating its work programme with states of progress and target dates;
- Resolutions of PASC and the PASC Standing Committee, linked to standardization and conformity assessment activities
- Access to the PASC website.

Further exchange of available general information shall be possible subject to agreement between the PASC Secretary and the ISO Central Secretariat.

3 Representation at annual meetings

Under this Agreement, ISO has a standing invitation to attend and report on key ISO initiatives at the annual PASC meeting, and PASC has a standing invitation to attend and report on key PASC activities at the annual ISO General Assembly. The ISO Central Secretariat and the PASC Secretariat may indicate a designee from among their officers to fulfill this role as necessary.

4 PASC members' participation in and use of ISO technical work

PASC commits to encourage its members, through adequate level of membership, to actively participate in ISO technical work relevant to their national interests. In addition, PASC commits to encourage its members to promote the use of ISO standards either directly or via national adoption where appropriate.

5 Additional areas for PASC cooperation and contribution

In addition to the above, PASC encourages its members to contribute to the following ISO activities:

- Studies on the economic and social benefits of standardization;
- Innovative areas of new ISO standardization work;
- Cooperation between ISO and IEC;
- Promotion of the benefits of standardization and conformity assessment;
- Understanding the relationships between ISO standards and technical regulation
- Capacity building of standardization and conformity assessment infrastructures and technical assistance in developing countries;
- Enhancing the participation of developing countries in ISO technical work;
- Development of ISO information technology tools supporting standards development;
- Education and training programmes related to standardization and conformity assessment.

When relevant, PASC may organize regional awareness-building and cooperation on the above issues and associate ISO as relevant.

6 Implementation and duration of this agreement

The implementation of this agreement shall be monitored by the ISO Secretary-General and the PASC Standing Committee Chair, who shall issue progress reports to their appropriate governance groups at regular intervals. This agreement may be cancelled with three months prior notice by either PASC or ISO.


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Mr. Martin Kuscus
Chair, PASC XXIX

Date: 12 SEPTEMBER 2006

Place: OTTAWA


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Mr. Alan Bryden
ISO Secretary-General

Date: 2006.09.12

Place: OTTAWA


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Mr. Gary W. Kushnier
Chair, PASC Standing Committee

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