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FINAL

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

EA – The European co-operation for Accreditation

and

WELMEC – The European Cooperation in Legal Metrology

EA the “**European co-operation for Accreditation**” – which is the Association of nationally recognised Accreditation Bodies of the Member States of the European Union (EU) and of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and of countries that have been formally identified as candidates for membership of EU and EFTA – whose mission is to provide, through its members, effective and reliable accreditation services fulfilling at best the needs of the European economy and society

and

WELMEC the “**European Cooperation in Legal Metrology**” – which is the cooperation between national Legal Metrology Authorities of the Member States of the EU and EFTA and of countries that have been formally identified as candidates for membership of EU and EFTA – whose principal aim is to establish a harmonized and consistent approach to legal metrology in Europe

hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

recognizing that

- EA applies, for accreditation, the pertinent standards and guides, duly supported by EA applicative documents, to further the effective and harmonized operation of accreditation by its member Accreditation Bodies.
- EA ensures that such Accreditation Bodies are properly following the applicable rules and duly enforcing their observance by the accredited conformity assessment bodies, by operating a peer evaluation system founded on solid and transparent criteria and procedures and managing the related Multilateral Agreement (MLA).