



Cooperation Agreement between the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) and FINCA (Forum of the IEC National Committees of the Americas)

Preamble

The IEC and FINCA have agreed to cooperate in a number of areas, covering especially cross representation and exchange of technical information in the fields of standardization and the development of electrotechnology.

1. Objectives

- a) To promote communication between FINCA and the IEC.
- b) To promote the use of IEC standards in response to market demands.
- c) To ensure transparency of the standards process in order to facilitate world trade.
- d) To accelerate the standardization process in order to meet the various demands of the market.
- e) To make rationale use of available resources in standardization activities.
- f) To facilitate implementation of agreements already reached concerning the nations and regional economic communities (RECs) of the Americas.
- g) To increase the involvement of experts in the Americas in the various committees of the IEC.

2. Exchange of information at Central Office / Chair and Secretariat

2.1 The IEC General Secretary will provide the FINCA Chairperson with access to the IEC website for the following, which may be distributed to all FINCA members:

- a) The IEC Directory,
- b) The Catalogue of IEC Standards,
- c) Databases, which cover the status of all technical projects,
- d) Public information, including "IEC e-tech" and the annual performance report.

2.2 The IEC General Secretary will provide the FINCA Chairperson with access to the IEC website for the following, access to which shall be restricted to the FINCA Chair:

- a) Council documents, which include all Council Board resolutions, decisions and reports to Council,
- b) Standardization Management Board documents (i.e. those documents that are available to NCs (National Committees), and
- c) Conformity Assessment Board documents (i.e. those documents that are available to NCs).

2.3 The FINCA Chairperson will provide IEC Central Office with the following:

- a) Directory of FINCA members,
- b) Bylaws,
- c) Reports of any FINCA sub-groups,

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- d) Meeting Minutes of certain sub-groups on request, and
- e) Minutes of the Meeting of FINCA.

2.4 Other general non-technical information will be made available as the need arises by special agreement between the IEC Central Office and the FINCA Chairperson.

3. Cooperation

3.1 When FINCA establishes a sub-group that parallels an IEC activity, it shall notify the IEC.

3.2 FINCA will encourage each of its members to create a fully representative NC and keep the IEC informed.

4. Cross representation

4.1 A representative of FINCA will be invited to attend as guest the annual IEC General Meeting, specifically the Council and Standardization Management Board plenary meetings.

4.2 A representative of IEC will be invited to attend the FINCA annual meeting.

4.3 FINCA will encourage each of its members to:

- a) participate in IEC technical work by participating in the work of IEC at a national level, and
- b) serve actively as national experts in the work of TC/SCs of interest to the Americas.

5. Implementation of the Agreement

The IEC General Secretary and FINCA Chairperson are responsible for the implementation of this Agreement. This agreement may be terminated by either party, after giving six months written notice to cancel.

This agreement will be reviewed at least once every two years.


6. Glossary of acronyms and abbreviations

FINCA - Forum of the IEC National Committees of the Americas

IEC - International Electrotechnical Commission

NC - National Committee

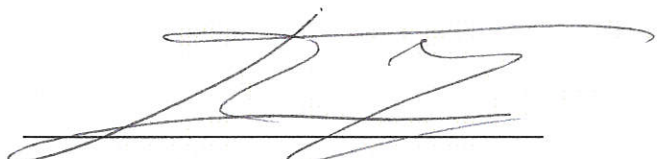
REC - Regional Economic Community



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