

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE SLOVAK OFFICE OF STANDARDS, METROLOGY AND TESTING
AND
THE STATE AGENCY FOR ANTIMONOPOLY AND CONSUMER MARKET
CONTROL UNDER THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF STANDARDIZATION, LEGAL AND
SCIENTIFIC METROLOGY, TECHNICAL REGULATION, CONFORMITY
ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES**

Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing and the State Agency for Antimonopoly and Consumer Market Control under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred to singularly as a "Participant" and collectively as "Participants");

RECOGNIZING the importance of promoting economic competition and fostering the development of a quality infrastructure policy,

COMMITTED to reducing and eliminating technical barriers to trade,

AIMING to encourage the process of international cooperation in the fields of standardization, legal and scientific metrology, technical regulation, conformity assessment, and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies,

DETERMINED to create favorable provisions for development of bilateral relations, based on principles of equality and mutual benefit,

have reached the following understanding:

**PARAGRAPH 1
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "MoU") is to express willingness of Participants to establish cooperation in the fields of standardization, legal and scientific metrology, technical regulation, conformity assessment, and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies as well as to describe the mutual goals concerning further collaboration. Specific activities under this MoU will be identified through consultations between the Participants.

**PARAGRAPH 2
FORMS OF COOPERATION**

In compliance with the respective national legislation of their States, the Participants will collaborate in the following forms in the fields of standardization, legal and scientific

metrology, technical regulation, conformity assessment, and accreditation of conformity assessment bodies:

1. exchange of information on legislation, technical developments, reference data, materials, and relevant publications in the respective fields;
2. exchange of specialists and experts for training and professional development under pre-agreed conditions;
3. organization of joint activities, including seminars, conferences, scientific and technical projects, and other events designed to strengthen collaboration and knowledge exchange;
4. promotion of participation of laboratories of the Participants, whether accredited or in the process of accreditation, in proficiency testing schemes and, where appropriate, in international or inter-laboratory comparisons, with the aim of enhancing calibration and measurement capabilities in the field of metrology;
5. facilitation, where applicable, of the mutual recognition of test results of accredited conformity assessment bodies, in accordance with relevant international standards and technical regulations;
6. exchange of information on accredited conformity assessment bodies operating under the supervision of the Participants;
7. cooperation within relevant international and regional organizations in the respective fields;
8. exchange of expertise on the adoption and application of national standards harmonized with international standards.

PARAGRAPH 3 PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

The Participants may withhold information from each other in case communication of particular information is prohibited by respective national legislation of their States, especially those governing the protection of personal data and confidential information or is otherwise incompatible with the Participants' interests.

Disclosure of information received within the framework of this MoU to any third party is prohibited unless the Participants approve otherwise.

PARAGRAPH 4 SOURCE OF FUNDING

Cooperative activities under this MoU will be subject to and dependent upon the availability of funds and personnel of both Participants.

The Participants will bear costs related to any activity arising from MoU unless financial arrangements are negotiated on a case-by-case basis in written form. The Participants will jointly decide before the commencement of the activity about terms of financing.

PARAGRAPH 5 AMENDMENT

By mutual written consent of the Participants, amendments may be made to this MoU in the form of separate protocol, which is an integral part of this MoU and will come into effect in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 9 of this MoU.

PARAGRAPH 6 CONTACT POINT

The Participants will exchange names and contact details of the persons assigned for the implementation of this MoU. They will notify each other in case of any changes regarding the contact persons.

PARAGRAPH 7 SETTLEMENT OF DISAGREEMENTS

Any disagreement, arising from the interpretation and implementation of this MoU will be settled through mutual consultations and negotiations between the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 8 COMMITMENTS

This MoU is not an international treaty and does not create any rights and obligations regulated by international law. This MoU will be implemented without prejudice to the national legislation of States of the Participants and, as for the Slovak Party, the obligations arising from Slovakia's membership in the European Union.

PARAGRAPH 9
ENTRY INTO EFFECT AND TERMINATION

This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Thereafter, it will be automatically renewed for successive five (5) years unless terminated.

This MoU may be terminated at any time by either Participant by submitting a written notification at least six (6) months in advance to the other Participant.

Signed in BAKU, on 15 of July, 2026, in two original copies, each in Slovak, Azerbaijani and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

For
the Slovak Office of Standards,
Metrology and Testing

For
the State Agency for Antimonopoly
and Consumer Market Control under
the President of the Republic of
Azerbaijan
