## Standardization Administration of the People's Republic of China &

# Slovak Standards Institute Joint Cooperation Agreement

Slovak Standards Institute (SUTN) and the Standardization Administration of China (SAC) hereby endorse the following articles of agreement concerning matters covering standardization and the mutual exchange of information and publications between the respective organizations. SUTN and SAC are members of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) for their countries.

#### Paragraph 1

#### SUTN and SAC:

- 1. recognize the desirability of the global use of international standards.
- are committed to ensuring their national standards do not present technical barriers to trade, and pledge to facilitate cooperation between SUTN and SAC to that end.

#### Paragraph 2

The Parties will cooperate in a number of sectors related to their respective activities, namely, but not exclusively, in the exchange gained in working in their national spheres of activity as well as in the wider international arena.

The representatives of the Parties may general address the following:

- To promote the mutual understanding of the development of standards in both countries, to exchange the information on standards that may cause significant influences on the trade of the Parties on request;
- To channel the request for information relevant to technical regulations to whom concerned;
- To facilitate the arrangement of visits and exchange of experts once formalized a specific mutual agreement;
- To carry out standards research projects in the field of mutual interests;
- To support mutually in the international standardization activities of ISO, IEC and other organizations and to carry out cooperation in proposing and developing new working items of international standards;
- Any other items of mutual benefit.

### Paragraph 3

The Parties will respectively assign a contact person of their organizations, who will be in charge of keeping contact of the Parties, or holding meetings for exchanging opinions of mutual interest, particularly working meetings for deciding cooperation projects and plans of specific actions, daily contact will be made through email.

#### Paragraph 4

Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement will be settled through consultations between the Parties or by other means they may mutually decide.

### Paragraph 5

- 1. The agreement is written in the English language, and will enter into force upon signature by the Parties.
- 2. This Agreement will remain in force for a period of five (5) years and continue to be in force thereafter in subsequent five (5) years by the parties' confirmation, and at any time, either Party may notify the other Party in writing, ninety (90) days in advance of its intention to terminate this Agreement.
- 3. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended and supplemented by the consent of the Parties in writing.
- 4. The termination of this Agreement will not affect the validity or duration of projects under this Agreement that is initiated prior to such termination.

Standardization Administration of China (SAC)

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