

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fifth meeting of the CEFTA Working Group was held in Tivat (Montenegro) on 19 September 2012 under the Chairmanship of Croatia.

The purpose of this meeting was to finalise the text of the Ministerial Recommendation on Recognition of Test Report of the CABs, report on the harmonisation of technical regulation with those of the EU, and the adoption of EU harmonised standards related to selected product categories.

MAIN POINTS OF THE FIFTH MEETING

The draft text of the **Ministerial Recommendation on Recognition of Test Report of the CABs** was finalised and submitted for endorsement to the Joint Committee at their sixth annual meeting.

Parties exchanged the latest information on the progress in the harmonisation of technical regulations with those of the EU and on the adoption of the standards related to the selected product categories.

Parties agreed to propose the additional priority sector of joinery for NTBs elimination. This product will be included in the next cycle of assessment under the Multilateral Monitoring Framework for NTBs elimination.

WG members exchanged their views on the basic elements of the draft "Agreement among CEFTA Parties on conformity assessment issues and on easing the access of industrial products to the markets of other CEFTA Parties" prepared by the Chair. The deadline for comments was 1 November.

In accordance with the Article 13.3 (b) of the Agreement, the Parties notify any new technical regulations, conformity assessment and standards, which are adopted or are planned to be adopted in the period of the current year. The Format for notification of standards with the Annex on work programmes was adopted at the meeting. The notification of standards according to the new format will start as of 1 January 2013.

Good cooperation between the IPA Quality Infrastructure Project and the CEFTA structures was marked with regular exchanges of information on activities and priorities and carefully planned organisation of meetings and the same membership.
