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## **Memorandum of Understanding Between COPANT and the ESOs (CEN, CENELEC, ETSI)**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish the relationship between:

The Pan American Standards Commission, **COPANT**, and the three European standardization organizations, **CEN**, the European Committee for Standardization, **CENELEC**, the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization, and **ETSI**, the European Telecommunication Standards Institute, hereinafter referred to collectively as the **ESOs**.

COPANT and the ESOs establish this MoU with the goal of promoting international standardization with the aim of facilitating the exchange of goods and services, improving market access, and promoting international standards which can be used by the private sectors and governments of the regions, thereby serving as the most efficient method of harmonizing and aligning evolving cross-border requirements.

To achieve these goals, COPANT and the ESOs agree to the following actions:

- To promote and enhance communication leading to a better mutual understanding of their activities, priorities and roles;
- To share knowledge and exchange best practices regarding standardization activities in each region.

### **Article 1 Exchange of Information**

COPANT and the ESOs agree to exchange information on standardization, including:

- institutional documentation (e.g. ESO internal regulations and guides, COPANT internal rules);
- training and capacity building plans; and,
- strategic priorities.

### **Article 2 Exchange of Views and Best Practices**

- COPANT and the ESOs agree to allow each other to observe their respective General Assemblies which will permit the parties to meet to exchange views on matters of common interest.

- COPANT and the ESOs agree to seek opportunities to cooperate and to share best practices.

**Article 3  
Final Provisions**

- COPANT and the ESOs recognize that the implementation of the activities within the framework of this MoU is dependent on the availability of appropriate funding.
- This MoU shall remain in effect until such time as one of the parties requests its termination, normally giving six months written notice.

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