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THE PREPARATION, ADOPTION AND APPLICATION OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES

Proposal by the European Economic Community

This proposal is to be read in conjunction with the earlier proposals by the European Economic Community on Local Government Bodies (TBT/W/113 of 7 July 1988), on Conformity Assessment Procedures (TBT/W/138 of 22 February 1990) and on a Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards (TBT/W/137 of 15 February 1990). The amendments below take as their starting point the text proposed in TBT/W/137 for Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the Agreement.

Replace Article 3 by the following:

Article 3

Preparation, adoption and application of technical regulations by local government bodies and non-governmental bodies

3.1 Parties shall ensure that local government bodies and non-governmental bodies within their territories comply with the provisions of Article 2, noting that:

- 3.1.1 notification shall not be required for technical regulations the technical content of which is substantially the same as that of previously notified technical regulations of central government bodies of the Party concerned; and that
- 3.1.2 contacts with other Parties, including the notifications, provision of information, comments and discussion referred to in Article 2, paragraphs 5 and 6, shall take place through the Party concerned.