3. The Parties recognise that a broad range of mechanisms exist to facilitate the acceptance of the results of conformity assessment procedures. Such mechanisms may include:

(a) mutual recognition agreements for the results of conformity assessment procedures with respect to specific technical regulations conducted by bodies located in the territory of the other Party;

(b) cooperative and voluntary arrangements between conformity assessment bodies located in the territories of the Parties;

(c) plurilateral and multilateral recognition agreements or arrangements to which both Parties are participants;

(d) the use of accreditation to qualify conformity assessment bodies;

(e) government designation of conformity assessment bodies, including conformity assessment bodies located in the other Party;

(f) recognition by a Party of results of conformity assessment procedures conducted in the territory of the other Party; and

(g) manufacturer's or supplier's declaration of conformity.

4. The Parties shall exchange information regarding the mechanisms covered by paragraph 3. A Party shall, on request of the other Party, provide information on:

(a) the mechanisms referred to in paragraph 3 and similar mechanisms with a view to facilitating the acceptance of the results of conformity assessment procedures;

(b) factors, including assessment and management of risk, considered when selecting appropriate conformity assessment procedures for specific products; and

(c) accreditation policy, including on international standards for accreditation, and international agreements and arrangements in the field of accreditation, including those of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), to the extent possible and used by a Party in a specific area.

5. With regard to those mechanisms each Party shall:

(a) use, whenever possible and in accordance with its laws and regulations, a supplier's declaration of conformity as assurance of conformity with the applicable technical regulations;