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Dear Mr Cozigou,

As announced in the Refined indicative options for the CPR review and reported during the Q&A sessions of the 1st July and 13th July 2020, the European Commission (EC) is currently putting into place a structure to revise the CPR technical acquis (harmonised technical specifications and EC delegated and implementing acts) according to a priority list developed based on a consultation with Member states and EFTA countries.

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According to the information provided by the EC, the work will be developed by groups structured in two levels: a steering level where only Member State and EFTA countries' representatives, EC officials and consultants will participate, and a working group level where individual technical experts would be invited to join or to provide written input. While the upper-steering level is supposed to decide the rules of procedure and acts as a formal legal body, the latter-technical one will focus on the technical content for products following the priority list already mentioned.

The signatory partners of this letter consider that the work described cannot be developed by the groups defined by the EC without the deeper involvement of industry experts because members of the group need:

- a deep knowledge of the products and intended uses, including different applications in different countries and climatic conditions;
- proper understanding of the manufacturing process and facilities (including factory production control) for all types of companies from multinationals to micro-enterprises including attestation and verification of constancy of performance (AVCP);
- know-how about the assessment methods and all the details related to them: sampling, testing, calibration, expression of results, uncertainty, units, etc.
- information about market and customers' needs.

Industry stakeholders have both the expertise and required work force to contribute technically to this process. Therefore, it is understandable that the industry is available to contribute to the review of the CPR technical acquis.

In recent weeks, it has come to the attention of industry stakeholders that the composition of the working groups has already started, but solely through

restricted channels focused on Member States and EFTA countries only. No public call of experts has been released and no industry associations have been invited to formally or informally submit expert lists for appointment. This is a worrying development as it appears that the industry is not involved in the process as described in some documents circulated to Member States.

The signatory partners to this letter would like to request that the EC formally invites the industry to participate in the process, so that it can contribute with other stakeholders to the composition of the working groups by appointing experts on an equal basis.

The motivation for this request rests on the above-mentioned willingness and readiness of the industry to contribute to the technical discussion and help the resolution of outdated technical specifications. It is necessary that the selection of experts is transparent and inclusive, and industry experts must not be excluded at an early-stage. This is vital, to ensure that the delivery of the CPR technical acquis groups is technically sound, safe, does not create technical barriers and does not discriminate against SMEs.

Involving the Industry in the review process of the CPR technical acquis can only be beneficial for the objectives that the EC set itself to improve the main regulatory framework of the construction sector. The industry stands ready to provide its contribution to this collective effort.

Yours faithfully,

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