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Resolution 8/2010

SADCTRLC approves that country reports on the establishment of national function within government will be submitted 1 month before the annual SADCTRLC AGM meeting.

1. National TRLC Forum Status (Establishment and Functions)

The National TRLC Forum has not yet been established. However, the national forum is expected to be set up in the second quarter of 2011 following the launch of the National Quality Policy.

2. Update on National TRLC Awareness Campaign Activities (ROPs, TBT Annex, Current TRLC Resolutions)

National TRLC Awareness Campaign Activities are expected to be conducted by the National TRLC in the second quarter of 2011.

3. Regional and International Meetings/ Workshops and conferences attended (relevant to TRLC)

At regional level, Zambia attended the SADC Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) Workshop.

4. Harmonization of Technical Regulations

4.1 Current Status

- **The Zambia Bureau of Standards and Energy Regulation Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the implementation of standards in the energy sector.**
- **The Zambia Bureau of Standards in consultation with the Environmental Council of Zambia (ECZ), Road, Transport and Safety Agency (RATSA), National Council for Construction (NCC) are developing standards in the respective sectors.**

4.2 Proposals for future Harmonization

- **Recognition of Certificates of Conformity at regional level.**
- **Harmonization for used motor vehicles at regional level.**

5. Future Developments and plans

- **Establishment of a common Technical Regulation Framework.**
- **Put in place the appropriate legislation on Technical Regulations.**
- **Establishment of an inter-ministerial Committee on Technical regulations.**
- **Establishment of a Compulsory Standards Unit**

6. Challenges

- **The lengthily process of approval and launch of the National Quality Policy has an impact on the implementation of activities.**
- **Little or no knowledge on Technical Regulations among the General Public.**

7. Conclusion

- **The approval of the National Quality Policy is an added advantage as it will create a platform for the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry and other relevant stakeholders to undertake a comprehensive restructuring of the technical regulation regime and the current national quality infrastructure.**