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Commitment to Global-Technical Barrier-Free Trade

The elevator and escalator associations, signatory of this document, reflecting the views of the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and North America, hereby reiterate their commitment for a common line of actions to achieve Global Technical Barrier-Free Trade (GTBFT) in the framework as defined by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and for the benefit of consumers, the industry and ensuring sustainable development. The associations commit to a joint and open approach with all stakeholders for developing international standards with global relevance for their products. The immediate objective is to promote and improve safety, facilitate technological innovation and the free movement of goods worldwide. This approach is defined through several ISO/TC 178 resolutions resulting in close collaboration between the worldwide standardization experts in producing a three-tier model including parts on performance-based requirements, conformity assessment procedures and corresponding prescriptive standards with global relevance.

Worldwide acceptance of ISO prescriptive standard(s), in combination with the performance based and conformity assessment parts, will lead to a simple and efficient global approach for elevators, escalators, lifting platforms & stairlifts, that can be used by all manufacturers and installers as well as components manufacturers in the world, whether large, small or medium-sized companies. It will ultimately cover safety, accessibility, fire issues, electromagnetic compatibility, programmable electronic system in safety related applications for lifts and escalators, seismic issues, energy efficiency requirements, cybersecurity, digitalization and any future needs that may arise

A new prescriptive ISO standard, ISO 8100, initially based on the international collaboration of EN 81-20/50, will be updated within ISO TC 178 in the near future with involvement and input from world-wide stakeholders. Other aforementioned ISO standards are in development, published and maintained to assist in reducing technical barriers in global trade.

This set of ISO globally relevant standards may also enable a future improvement of multilateral and mutual recognition agreements (MLA's and MRA's) for tests and certificates on a worldwide basis.

The following associations affirm their aim to successfully achieve and maintain this important global initiative.

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