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COMMON DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CEN AND CENELEC

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Orgalime represents a broad constituency of industry stakeholders active in both CEN and CENELEC's standardisation work. We fully support the objectives of achieving greater efficiency and cost savings through increased cooperation and common administrative services and facilities and their management as stated in our position paper of 23/12/2005 on enhanced CEN and CENELEC co-operation¹.

Orgalime believes that the idea of appointing a single Director General for both of these organisations is neither incompatible nor in conflict with these objectives. Orgalime moreover understands that the appointment of a single Director General for CEN and CENELEC is not intended to necessarily or inevitably lead to a merger of CEN and CENELEC into a single legal entity. Such a merger is strictly opposed by Orgalime.

Orgalime moreover notes the clear concern prevalent among its own membership and among a number of sector associations in its industry that the proposals put before the forthcoming Extraordinary General Assembly of 12 November are insufficiently clear in some areas (common committees, common administrative services) for these proposals to be adopted immediately as they stand.

Therefore, while Orgalime believes it should be possible to agree in principle to the appointment of a single Director General, it would first be essential to ensure that the open issues mentioned above are clarified in a manner that ensures that such a step would not be contrary to our stated position of maintaining separate legal entities for both organisations, separate governance structures and a strict separation of income and expenses.

Orgalime therefore believes that a debate on open issues should take place and be finalised before any implementation decisions are taken.

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(sent by electronic means)

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¹ <http://www.orgalime.org/positions/positions.asp?id=223>