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Dear CEN BT Members

Letter from CEN/TC 104 Chairman Christoph Müller, on Revision of EN 206 for conformity assessment

I am writing on behalf of members of FIEC's Technical Commission sub-group TEC-1, responsible for matters related to regulation and standardisation, to express our support for the letter from CEN/TC 104 Chairman Christoph Müller, on Revision of EN 206 for conformity assessment, which was sent to the CEN Technical Board in November last year (dated 28/11/2018.)

In addition, I would like to add that:

1. FIEC supports a supply chain for concrete that functions across the Member States.
2. The various parties in this supply chain (producers, users/contractors) are keen on having clear rules on the tasks and responsibilities of all parties involved, to ensure a balanced and fair approach. These rules should be clear for all kind of contracts, whether between producer and user/contractor or between user/contractor and client.
3. Rules have been established in such a well-balanced manner in EN 206 for the last 18 years. These rules are embedded in a system of standards, which ensures the accuracy and reliability of concrete production, namely Eurocode 2 (for the design of structures) and the relevant execution standards are based on a well-established and functioning procedures described in EN 206, with the goal of safeguarding the security of human beings.
4. Our industry is happy with that established system, which allows each country to adapt to its national conformity needs; and does not want it to be changed so much that it will lead to skipping well balanced normative responsibilities.
5. FIEC therefore supports the letter of the chairman of CEN/TC 104, which asks for sufficient time to ensure that EN 206 complies with the neutrality principle without creating unsafe concrete production, regardless of who is the producer.
6. FIEC recommends to CEN that it accepts the arguments of CEN/TC 104.

For and on behalf of TEC-1 members

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Coumans', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Jan Coumans, TEC-1 Chairman
Cc: Christoph Müller, CEN/TC 104 Chairman