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Sirs

The World Wide Web Consortium  
W3C

Dear Sirs,

My name is Enrique Aranguren. I work for the Colombian National Standards Institute, ICONTEC [www.icontec.org](http://www.icontec.org), which is a non for profit organization in charge of preparing the technical standards aiming at improving the quality of life of society members. Currently, I am coordinating the Technical Committee 27 "Accessibility to Physical Means", which is in charge of preparing a standard for web accessibility, to become a mandatory national regulation.

In the committee we have found that W3C has very important information that we could use in the preparation of our standard. In Colombia, this topic is really new and there is not any other information that we can use for our task, although this is extremely important for quality of life of Colombian people, due to a significant amount of people in our country has disabilities caused by landmines and the social conflict, due to old people population is increasing fast.

We have been reviewing the W3C recommendations. We have thought to include them in our standard on web accessibility. However, we would need to include your guidelines as requirements, taking into account that this document will become a mandatory regulation. Consequently, we need your authorization for translating these guidelines into Spanish (Colombian version), and changing the drafting of guidelines to requirements, so that they can be valid as regulations. Also, some modifications in the numbering would be necessary, when changing to the format of the Colombian standard. Also, the English text of guidelines would be included as an annex, as you have established.

Once the Colombian standard on Web Accessibility is be published, of course we would pay to you royalties based on the copies sold.

We really appreciate your interest and help, since we need to publish this new standard as soon as possible.

Best regards,

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