



**Resolutions adopted at the IAF 20th General Assembly
12 and 14 November 2006
Hilton Hotel, Cancun, Mexico**

IAF Resolution 2006-01 – (Agenda Item 2) **Acceptance of Apologies and Proxies** – The General Assembly received and accepted the list of apologies for non-attendance and accepted the notifications of proxies by members.

IAF Resolution 2006-02 – (Agenda Item 3) **Approval of the Agenda** – The General Assembly adopted the draft agenda (ref IAF-GA20-3).

IAF Resolution 2006-03 – (Agenda Item 4) **Minutes of the Nineteenth Meeting** - The General Assembly approved the draft Minutes as a true record of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting, held in Auckland, New Zealand, on 17 and 19 September, 2005 (ref IAF-AM-05-010 Rev1) as circulated.

IAF Resolution 2006-04 – (Agenda Item 5) **Report by the Chairman** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Chairman as presented.

IAF Resolution 2006-05 – (Agenda Item 6.1) **Current Membership** - The General Assembly received the report by the Secretary on the current IAF membership as at November 2006 (ref IAF-AM-06-003 Rev1).

IAF Resolution 2006-06 – (Agenda Item 6.3) **New Members** - The General Assembly received the Secretary's report (ref IAF GA20-6) on the admission to membership since the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Hellenic Accreditation System of Greece (ESYD), the Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC), the Portuguese Institute for Accreditation (IPAC) and the Dubai Accreditation Centre (DAC).

Note: EGAC (Egypt) and IPAC (Portugal) signed the IAF MoU at a ceremony during the IAF-ILAC Gala Dinner on 12 November 2006. ESYD (Greece) and DAC (Dubai) had previously signed the MoU in November 2005 and September 2006, respectively.

IAF Resolution 2006-07 – (Agenda Item 6.7) **Revision of IAF PR 4: 2005 Endorsed Normative Documents** - The General Assembly endorsed the adoption of the standards and guides as listed in the proposed revision of IAF PR 4: 2005 (ref IAF-GA20-6.7) and instructed the Secretary to publish this as IAF PR 4: 2006 issue 3.

IAF Resolution 2006-08 – (Agenda Item 7) **Technical Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chairman of the Technical Committee (ref IAF GA20 -7) and approved the Technical Committee Program.

IAF Resolution 2006-09 – (Agenda Item 7) **Transition Period for ISO/IEC 17021**

– The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the transition period for conforming to ISO/IEC 17021:2006 be 24 months from the date of publication of the standard by ISO. Therefore, on 15 September 2008, accreditation to ISO/IEC Guide 62:1996 and ISO/IEC Guide 66:1999 will no longer be valid. The annexes of IAF GD2 or IAF GD6 should continue to be applied until superseded.

IAF Resolution 2006-10 – (Agenda Item 7.2) **ISO 9000 Advisory Group** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Co-Convenor of the ISO 9000 Advisory Group (ref IAF GA20 –7.2) as presented.

IAF Resolution 2006-11 – (Agenda Item 8) **MLA Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chairman of the MLA Committee (ref IAF 20-8).

IAF Resolution 2006-12 – (Agenda Item 8) - **New Regional Signatory of IAF MLA for QMS** – The General Assembly noted that the IAF MLA Group, on the recommendation of the MLA MC, had agreed that IAAC should be admitted to the IAF MLA for QMS.

Note: IAAC signed the IAF MLA for QMS at a ceremony during the IAF-ILAC Gala Dinner on 12 November 2006.

IAF Resolution 2006-13 – (Agenda Item 8) **New IAF MLA Signatories** – The General Assembly noted that DSM (Malaysia, PAC) has been accepted for membership in the IAF MLA for EMS, and ESYD (Greece, EA), IPAC (Portugal, EA) and SA (Slovenia, EA) have been accepted for membership in the IAF MLAs for QMS, EMS and Product, as a consequence of PAC or EA MLA membership respectively.

Note: DSM signed the IAF MLA for EMS on 15 March 2006 and has joined the IAF MLA for QMS on 29 September 1999. ESYD signed the IAF MLAs for QMS, EMS and Product on 24 March 2006. IPAC and SA signed the IAF QMS, EMS and Product MLAs at a ceremony during the IAF-ILAC Gala Dinner on 12 November 2006.

IAF Resolution 2006-14 – (Agenda Item 8) **Assessment of Foreign Critical Locations for QMS and EMS** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the MLA Committee, resolved that all Foreign Critical Locations (FCLs) included in accreditation scopes for ISO 9001 QMS and ISO 14001 EMS on or before 31 December 2006 shall be initially assessed on-site at least once by an IAF MLA member AB for all scopes of accreditation for ISO 9001 QMS and ISO 14001 EMS being covered by the FCLs, no later than 31 December 2007.

IAF Resolution 2006-15 – (Agenda Item 8) **Assessment of Foreign Critical Locations for Product Certification** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the

MLA Committee, resolved that all Foreign Critical Locations (FCLs) included in accreditation scopes for product certification on or before 31 December 2006 shall be initially assessed on-site at least once by an IAF MLA member AB for scopes of accreditation for product certification being covered by the FCLs, no later than 31 December 2008.

IAF Resolution 2006-16 – (Agenda Item 8) **Survey on assessment of Foreign Critical Locations/Foreign Premises for QMS/ EMS and Product Certification** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the MLA Committee, resolved that the IAF MLA MC will carry out a survey regarding FCLs/foreign premises by 1 May 2007 on the implementation of the resolutions adopted for assessment of Foreign Critical Locations for both QMS/EMS and Product Certification by the IAF MLA Signatories and present a report on the survey to the IAF MLA Committee at the 2007 IAF Annual Meetings in Sydney.

IAF Resolution 2006-17 - (Agenda item 9) **Development Support Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chair of the Development Support Committee (DSC).

IAF Resolution 2006-18 – (Agenda Item 10) **Communications and Marketing Committee** – The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Chairman of the Communications and Marketing Committee as presented.

IAF Resolution 2006-19 – (Agenda Item 11.1) **Treasurer’s Report on the Financial Operations of IAF in 2005** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report by the Treasurer on the Financial Affairs of IAF and the Report of the Financial Auditor on the Financial Operations of IAF, December 31, 2005 as circulated and presented.

IAF Resolution 2006-20 – (Agenda Item 11.3) **Financial Oversight Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Financial Oversight Committee (ref IAF 20-11.3), as circulated and endorsed the recommendation that the 2005 financial accounts be accepted.

IAF Resolution 2006-21 – (Agenda Item 11.2) **Treasurer’s Report on the Financial Operations of IAF in 2006** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report by the Treasurer on the financial affairs of IAF for the period 1 January to 30 September 2006 as presented.

IAF Resolution 2006-22 – (Agenda Item 11.4) **IAF Budget for 2007** - The General Assembly, approved the IAF Budget for 2007 as submitted by the Treasurer and as modified by the General Assembly, directed the Secretary to send invoices for membership fees for 2007 based upon the budget amount, with no change in general from the 2006 membership fees.

IAF Resolution 2006-23 – (Agenda Item 12) **IAF Open Forum** – The General Assembly received with appreciation the presentations and status reports provided on the IAF Strategic Plan, accreditation of certifiers of persons, proposed election of IAF Committee Chairs, and the proposal for improving the credibility of management system certifications.

IAF Resolution 2006-24 – (Agenda Item 12.1) **IAF Strategic Plan 2006** - The General Assembly endorsed the adoption of the IAF Strategic Plan 2006 (ref IAF–GA20-12.1) as circulated and presented.

IAF Resolution 2006-25 – (Agenda Item 12.3) **Selection of IAF Committee Chairs** - The General Assembly requested the IAF Board and Executive to consider the revision of IAF PR 2:2005 IAF Procedures for the Organization of IAF Committees and Subordinate Groups, for the selection procedure(s) for Chairpersons of IAF Permanent Committees and Subordinate Groups, taking into account the discussion at the IAF General Assembly, including the need for transparency and balanced regional representation, and to report back to the IAF membership on the results at the next General Assembly.

IAF Resolution 2006-26 – (Agenda Item 12.4) **IAF Guidance** – The General Assembly confirmed the principle that the application of IAF Guidance Documents (i.e. the IAF GD series) and joint IAF-ILAC Guidance Documents (i.e. the A Series) is mandatory for all IAF Accreditation Body Members and the bodies they accredit.

IAF Resolution 2006-27 – (Agenda Item 13) **Liaison Reports to IAF** – The General Assembly received with appreciation the following liaison reports:

- the ISO/TC 176 report as received (ref IAF 20–13.1);
 - the ISO CASCO report presented on behalf of the Chairman of ISO CASCO (presented at the JGA);
 - the IPC report presented on behalf of the Chairman of IPC (ref IAF 20–12.2.2);
- and
- the IAQG liaison report as presented (ref IAF 20–13.3).

IAF Resolution 2006-28 – (Agenda Item 14) **Election of Directors** - The General Assembly congratulated the following Directors on their election:

Dr Thomas Facklam (DAR) elected unopposed as Chairman for a three year term ending at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Dr Lorenzo Thione (SINCERT-FIDEA) elected as Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in a high income economy, as designated by the World Bank, for a three year term ending at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Notes:

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1. Ms Elva Nilsen (SCC) will complete her term as Vice Chair at the 2007 Annual Meeting.
 2. Mr Girdhar Gyani (NABCB) will complete his term as Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in a low and medium income economy, as designated by the World Bank, at the 2007 Annual Meeting.
 3. Mr Guenther Beer (BDI) will complete his term as Director representing the Industry and User Association Members, for a three year term ending at the 2008 Annual Meeting.
 4. Mr Pierre Salle (IAAR) will complete his term as Director representing Certification/Registration/ Inspection Body Association Members, for a three year term ending at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

IAF Resolution 2006-29 – (Agenda Item 16) **2006 Annual Meetings** – The General Assembly expressed its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support provided by ema as host of the IAF Twentieth Annual Meetings, held in November 2006, in Cancun, Mexico.

IAF Resolution 2006-30 – (Agenda Item 17.1) **Invitation for the 2007 Annual Meetings** - The General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by JAS-ANZ on behalf of IAF and NATA on behalf of ILAC to host the 2007 IAF Annual Meetings in Sydney, Australia, from 19 to 31 October, 2007, in association with the ILAC General Assembly.

IAF Resolution 2006-31 – (Agenda Item 17.2) **Invitation for the 2008 Annual Meetings** - The General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by SWEDAC to host the 2008 Annual Meetings in Stockholm, Sweden, from 8 to 18 September, 2008, in association with the ILAC General Assembly.

IAF Resolution 2006-32 – (Agenda Item 17.2) **Invitation for the 2009 Annual Meetings** - The General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by CAEAL (Canadian Association of Environmental Analytical Laboratories) to host the 2009 Annual Meetings in Vancouver, Canada, in association with the ILAC General Assembly.

End of resolutions adopted at IAF 20. General Assembly.

Resolutions adopted by IAF at the 12th IAF-ILAC Joint General Assemblies

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JGA Mexico Resolution 1

Joint IAF MLA MC and ILAC AMC (JMC):

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the (JMC), and the JCCC, endorsed the draft Terms of Reference of Joint MLA MC and ILAC AMC meetings (JMC).

JGA Mexico Resolution 2

Inspection MLMRA Peer Evaluations :

The General Assembly, noting that the technical requirements for the Inspection MLMRA have been agreed by the JWGI, and acting on the recommendation of the JMC, and the JCCC, resolved to commence the Inspection MLMRA peer evaluations, as soon as the guidance on ISO/IEC 17011 has been approved by ILAC and IAF.

JGA Mexico Resolution 3

Joint Working Group Inspection Resolution:

The General Assembly resolves to approve a permanent joint ILAC/IAF structure for implementation and continual improvement of accreditation practices of ILAC and IAF members in inspection body accreditation.