



International Accreditation Forum, Inc.
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Resolutions
IAF Thirtieth Annual General Assembly
New Delhi, India

IAF Resolution 2016-01 – (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 2016-02 – (Agenda Item 3) **Approval of the Agenda** - The General Assembly adopted the draft Agenda (ref IAF GA 30_3).

IAF Resolution 2016-03 – (Agenda Item 4) **Minutes of the Twenty-Ninth Meeting** - The General Assembly approved the draft Minutes as a true record of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting, held in Milan, Italy on 4 and 06 November in Milan, Italy (ref IAF GA30_4).

IAF Resolution 2016-04 – (Agenda Item 5) **Report by the Chairman** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chairman as presented.

IAF Resolution 2016-05 – (Agenda Item 5.2) **Database Management Committee Report** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report on progress of the Database for Accredited Management Systems Certifications and endorsed inclusion of \$60,000 USD in the IAF draft 2017 budget for completion of the business case.

IAF Resolution 2016-06 – (Agenda Item 5.3) **Quality Manager's Report** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Quality Manager (ref IAF GA30_5.3).

IAF Resolution 2016-07 – (Agenda Item 6.1) **Chief Financial Officer's Report on the Financial Operations of IAF in 2015** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report on the Financial Affairs of IAF and the Report of the Financial Auditor on the Financial Operations of IAF, December 31, 2015 as presented.

IAF Resolution 2016-08 – (Agenda Item 6.2) **Financial Oversight Committee Report** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Financial Oversight Committee (ref IAF GA30_6.2), as presented and endorsed the recommendation that the 2015 financial accounts be accepted.

IAF Resolution 2016-09 – (Agenda Item 6.3) **IAF Budget for 2017** - The General Assembly approved the IAF Budget for 2017, as submitted by the Treasurer.

IAF Resolution 2016-10 – (Agenda Item 7.1) **Current Membership** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report by the Secretary on the current IAF membership as of November 2016.

IAF Resolution 2016-11 – (Agenda Item 7.3) **Membership Changes** - The General Assembly received the Secretary's report on the admission to the IAF MoU, since



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the 2015 Annual meeting, of the following Members (in order of the date of membership approval):

- Southern African Development Community Accreditation Service (SADCAS)
- National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET)
- International Personal Certification Association (IPC)
- Ethiopian National Accreditation Office (ENAO)
- Executive Agency “Bulgarian Accreditation Service” (BAS)
- United Accreditation Foundation (UAF)

IAF Resolution 2016-12 – (Agenda Item 9) **Technical Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report (ref IAF GA30_9) from the Chairman of the Technical Committee and noted the Technical Committee Program.

IAF Resolution 2016-13 – (Agenda Item 9) **Accreditation Scoping for Energy Management Systems (EnMS)** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved to endorse Table 2 Technical Areas from ISO 50003:2014 *Energy management systems -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of energy management systems* as a Normative reference for the accreditation scope and grouping of sectors for witnessing of energy management systems.

IAF Resolution 2016-14 – (Agenda Item 9) **Transitional Arrangement for the Revision of ISO/IEC TS 17021-2:2012** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the transition period for the next revision of ISO/IEC TS 17021-2:2012 *Conformity assessment -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems -- Part 2: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of environmental management systems*, will be two years from the date of publication of the revised standard.

IAF Resolution 2016-15 – (Agenda Item 9) **Migration Arrangement for ISO 45001** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the period for migrating accredited certifications from OHSAS 18001:2007 to ISO 45001 *Occupational health and safety management systems -- Requirements with guidance for use* will be three years from the date of publication of ISO 45001.

IAF Resolution 2016-16 – (Agenda Item 9) **Endorsement of ISO 45001:201X as an IAF normative document** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved to endorse the soon to be published ISO 45001:201X as a normative document.



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IAF Resolution 2016-17 – (Agenda Item 9) Accredited MS Certification

Document - Further to Resolution 2015-14, The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that in order for a management system certification document to be considered accredited, it must display the accreditation symbol, and/or, reference the accreditation status of the CB including the identification of the AB.

The General Assembly further agreed that management systems certification bodies:

1. must transition certification documentation to include the accreditation symbol, and/or, reference the accreditation status of the CB including the identification of the AB, at the time of recertification decision; no later than 06 November 2019;
2. when granted initial accreditation (for a standard or scope), as of 06 November 2016, the CB must transition (re-issue) previous unaccredited certification documents, within one year after the accreditation decision;
3. must apply this resolution to all management system standards.

Note: If there is an exception to the above, the client must justify the exception to the CB and AB, and if accepted by both the CB and AB, the certification is still considered accredited.

IAF Resolution 2016-18 – (Agenda Item 9) Extension of IAF MD19 Application

Date - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the application date of IAF MD 19: *IAF Mandatory Document For The Audit and Certification of a Management System operated by a Multi-Site Organization (where application of site sampling is not appropriate)* be extended one year to 31 March 2018.

IAF Resolution 2016-19 – (Agenda Item 10) MLA Committee - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chairman of the MLA Committee (ref IAF GA30_10) and noted the MLA Committee program.

IAF Resolution 2016-20 – (Agenda Item 10) New Regional MLA Scope

Extensions - The General Assembly noted the MLA scope extensions, since the 2015 General Assembly, of the following IAF Regional Body Members:

- **EA Europe** - Main Scope: Certification of Persons – ISO/IEC 17024

IAF Resolution 2016-21 – (Agenda Item 10) New IAF MLA Signatories – The General Assembly noted the admissions to the IAF MLA, since the 2015 General Assembly, of the following IAF Members:

- **BAS Bulgaria** - Main Scope: Certification of Persons – ISO/IEC 17024 (EA)
- **NACI Iran** - Main Scope: Management Systems Certification – ISO/IEC 17021(-1); Sub-Scope: Level 5: ISO 9001 (PAC)

IAF Resolution 2016-22 – (Agenda Item 10) New AB MLA Scope Extensions –



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The General Assembly noted the MLA scope extensions, since the 2015 General Assembly, of the following IAF AB Members:

- **AA** Austria, **ACCREDIA** Italy, **ATS** Serbia, **BELAC** Belgium, **CAI** Czech Republic, **COFRAC** France, **DAKKS** Germany, **DANAK** Denmark, **ENAC** Spain, **ESYD** Greece, **FINAS** Finland, **IPAC** Portugal, **NA** Norway, **PCA** Poland, **RENAR** Romania, **RvA** Netherlands, **SA** Slovenia, **SAS** Switzerland, **SNAS** Slovakia, **SWEDAC** Sweden, **TURKAK** Turkey, **UKAS** United Kingdom - Main Scope: Certification of Persons – ISO/IEC 17024 (EA)
- **BOA** Vietnam - Main Scope: Management Systems Certification – ISO/IEC 17021(-1); Sub-Scope: Level 5: ISO 14001 (PAC)
- **DAC** Dubai, UAE - Main Scope: Product Certification – ISO/IEC 17065 (PAC)
- **INN** Chile - Main Scope: Product Certification – ISO/IEC 17065 (IAAC)
- **PCA** Poland - Main Scope: Product Certification – ISO/IEC 17065; Sub-Scopes: Level 4: GlobalG.A.P. General Regulations; Level 5: GlobalG.A.P. IFA Control Points and Compliance Criteria (EA)
- **TAF** Chinese Taipei - Main Scope: Product Certification – ISO/IEC 17065; Sub-Scopes: Level 4: GlobalG.A.P. General Regulations; Level 5: GlobalG.A.P. IFA Control Points and Compliance Criteria (PAC)

IAF Resolution 2016-23 – (Agenda Item 10) **MLA Scope Extension to Energy Management Systems** - Further to Resolution 2014-13, The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the MLA Committee, resolved to endorse the extension of the IAF MLA under the Main Scope ISO/IEC 17021-1 to the Sub-Scope Energy Management Systems (EnMS) and ISO/TS 50003:2014 *Energy management systems – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of energy management systems* – *Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of energy management systems* as level 4 and ISO 50001:2011 *Energy management systems -- Requirements with guidance* as Level 5.

IAF Resolution 2016-24 – (Agenda Item 10) **General Policy for MLA Scope Extensions under Management System Certification** - In Accordance with the amended requirements as provided in IAF ML4:2016 3.1.5 and 3.1.6, the General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the MLA Committee, resolved that the following principle be applied for the extension to all Sub-Scopes of Management System Certification as follows:

For Individual ABs

For a signatory to the IAF MLA with a Main Scope of ISO/IEC 17021(-1)

- to provide a self-declaration, that the Sub-Scope has been introduced and relevant requirements as defined by IAF have been met (IAF ML4:2016, 3.1.5.ii, 3.1.6.i)



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For a signatory to the IAF MLA but not for the Main Scope of ISO/IEC 17021(-1)

- full evaluation in accordance with IAF/ILAC A2 (IAF ML4:2016, 3.1.5.i)

For Regional Accreditation Groups:

For a signatory to the IAF MLA with a Main Scope of ISO/IEC 17021(-1)

- at least 1 MLA signatory
- document review

For a signatory to the IAF MLA but not for a Main Scope of ISO/IEC 17021-1

- full evaluation in accordance with IAF/ILAC A1

This Resolution supersedes the Note 2 point 3.1.5 of IAF ML4:2016.

IAF Resolution 2016-25 – (Agenda Item 13) **User Advisory Committee (UAC)** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the User Advisory Committee (ref IAF GA30_13).

IAF Resolution 2016-26 – (Agenda Item 14) **Conformity Assessment Body Advisory Committee (CABAC)** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Conformity Assessment Body Advisory Committee (ref IAF GA30_14).

IAF Resolution 2016-27 – (Agenda Item 15) **Accreditation Body Information Exchange Group (ABIEG)** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Co-Chairs of the Accreditation Body Information Exchange Group.

IAF Resolution 2016-28 – (Agenda Item 16) **Election of IAF Directors** - The General Assembly congratulated the following Director on his election to the IAF Board for a three-year term ending at the 2019 General Assembly:

- Mr Vũ Xuân Thủy (BOA) elected as Director representing Low and Medium Income Economies for a second and final three-year term.

Notes:

1. The Director representing Low and Medium Income Economies is automatically a Co-Chair of the Accreditation Body Information Exchange Group (ABIEG) as per IAF PL5.
2. Mr Trevor Nash (ABCB) will complete his first term as Director Representing CAB Association Members at the 2017 General Assembly Meeting.



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3. The Director representing CAB Association Members is automatically the Chair of the Conformity Assessment Body Advisory Committee (CABAC) as per IAF PL5.
4. Mr. Pedro Alves, The IAF Quality Manager, will complete his first term as IAF Quality Manager at the 2017 General Assembly Meeting.

IAF Resolution 2016-29 – (Agenda Item 17) **Election of Committee Chairs** - The General Assembly congratulated the following member elected as IAF Committee Chair for a three-year term ending at the 2019 General Assembly Meeting:

- Mr Vũ Xuân Thủy (BOA) elected as Accreditation Body Information Exchange Group Co-Chair

IAF Resolution 2016-30 - (Agenda Item 18) **Membership of the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC)** The General Assembly agreed to appoint Mr Shinjiro Fujimaki for an initial three-year term as Accreditation Body Member for the complete years of 2017, 2018 and 2019.

The General Assembly also agreed to appoint Mr Eric Janssens as a FOC Association Member for a third and final two-year term for the complete years of 2017 and 2018.

The General Assembly further agreed to appoint Mr Jan van der Poel as FOC Chair for the complete years of 2017 and 2018.

IAF Resolution 2016-31 – (Agenda Item 18) **Outgoing Directors, Chairs, and FOC Members** – The General Assembly expressed its appreciation to: FoC Chair and Accreditation Body Member Marcos Aurélio Lima de Oliveira for his dedicated service to IAF.

IAF Resolution 2016-32 – (Agenda Item 20) **Confirmation of the JGA 16 Resolutions** - The General Assembly confirmed the Resolutions adopted by IAF and ILAC at the 16th IAF-ILAC Joint General Assembly as listed in Annex 1 to this document.

IAF Resolution 2016-33 – (Agenda Item 20) **2016 Annual Meetings** – The General Assembly expressed its appreciation for the outstanding meeting arrangements and friendly atmosphere provided by NABCB and NABL for the 30th meeting of the IAF General Assembly and associated meetings, 26 October to 04 November in New Delhi, India.

End of Resolutions adopted at IAF 30th General Assembly

Annex 1



INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION FORUM & INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION COOPERATION

Draft Resolutions for IAF and ILAC at the 16th IAF-ILAC Joint General Assembly

3 November 2016, New Delhi, India

JGA Delhi Resolution 1 - Transition to ISO/IEC 17011:2017

The Joint General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the Joint Executive Committee, that the transition period for the revised ISO/IEC 17011:2004 *Conformity assessment— General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies* due for publication in August 2017 will be three years from the date of publication of the revised standard.

JGA Delhi Resolution 2 – ISO/CASCO Clarification of Intent

The Joint General Assembly resolves that IAF and ILAC will take account of any published ISO/CASCO Clarification of Intent recognizing that while any ISO/CASCO Clarification of Intent is not mandatory, it is developed by a CASCO Maintenance Group comprised of experts that had participated in the development of the applicable ISO/IEC standard.

If IAF or ILAC disagrees with any published ISO/CASCO Clarification of Intent, consistent with the IAF-ILAC-ISO MOU, IAF and ILAC will initiate discussions with ISO/CASCO prior to publishing any new or revised IAF or ILAC document that may not be consistent with the published ISO/CASCO Clarification of Intent. IAF and ILAC request the same consideration by ISO/CASCO before publishing any new Clarification of Intent.

The Joint General Assembly further resolves to encourage IAF and ILAC members and their accredited bodies to take account of any published ISO/CASCO Clarification of Intent in the operation of their accreditation and conformity assessment activities.

JGA New Delhi Resolution 3 – Reports from External Organisations

The Joint General Assembly received with appreciation the presentations and reports from the following organisations:

- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

- International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) and in particular the activities of CASCO
- International Organisation for Legal Metrology (OIML)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

JGA New Delhi Resolution 4 – Reports from IAF and ILAC Regional Groups

The Joint General Assembly received with appreciation the reports provided by APLAC, EA, IAAC, PAC, AFRAC, ARAC and SADCA.

JGA New Delhi Resolution 5 - Thank you NABC B and NABL

The Joint General Assembly expresses its appreciation to NABC B and NABL, for the outstanding arrangements and hospitality in hosting the Joint IAF/ILAC meetings 26 October to 4 November 2016, in New Delhi, India.

End of resolutions.