Resolutions adopted at the IAF 24th General Assembly

27 and 29 October 2010

Hyatt on the Bund Hotel, Shanghai, China

IAF Resolution 2010-01 – (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 2010-02 – (Agenda Item 3) **Approval of the Agenda** – The General Assembly adopted the draft agenda (ref IAF GA 24_3 Rev 1).

IAF Resolution 2010-03 – (Agenda Item 4) **Minutes of the Twenty Third Meeting** - The General Assembly approved the draft Minutes as a true record of the Twenty Third Annual Meeting, held in Vancouver, Canada, on 18 and 20 October, 2009 (ref IAF-AM-09-006 Rev) as amended.

IAF Resolution 2010-04 – (Agenda Item 5) **Report by the Chairman** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Chairman as presented.

IAF Resolution 2010-05 – (Agenda Item 6.1) **Current Membership** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report by the Secretary on the current IAF membership as at October 2010 (ref IAF-AM-10-001 Rev).

IAF Resolution 2010-06 – (Agenda Item 6.3) **New Members** - The General Assembly received the Secretary's report (ref IAF GA24_6) on the admission to Accreditation Body membership since the 2009 Annual Meeting, of the Colombian National Accreditation Body (ONAC), the Hungarian Accreditation Board (NAT), the Kosovo Accreditation Directorate (DAK), the Scientific Technical Centre on Industrial Safety (STC-IS), Russian Federation and the International Accreditation Service (IAS), USA and the admission to Association membership of the Association of British Certification Bodies (ABCB), United Kingdom.

IAF Resolution 2010-07 – (Agenda Item 7) **IAF Informative Documents** (ID Series) - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, supported by the Technical Committee, resolved that IAF PR2 be amended to permit IAF Informative Documents to proceed directly to 30 day IAF ballot, following a 30 day comment period by the relevant Committee and approval by the Committee Chairman that all comments received have been considered.

IAF Resolution 2010-08 – (Agenda Item 7) **Technical Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chairman of the Technical Committee (ref IAF GA 24_7) and noted the Technical Committee Program.

IAF Resolution 2010–09 – (Agenda Item 7) **IAF/ISO Joint Communiqué on Expected Outcomes for Accredited Certification to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001**

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, requested that Accreditation Bodies translate the "expected outcomes" documents into their local language(s) (as used on their website and other promotional material) and make them available and that they

- promote the documents within their own organizations, with particular emphasis on their assessors,
- communicate and promote to their accredited Certification Bodies the existence of these documents and the importance for auditors and other certification body personnel to understand their content, and
- provide feedback in the assessment report on the knowledge and awareness of the content of these documents by certification bodies.

The General Assembly further resolved to request all association members of IAF to communicate these documents to their members and other interested parties.

IAF Resolution 2010–10 – (Agenda Item 7) **IAF/ISO Joint Communiqué on Certification to ISO 26000**

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that there will not be any accredited certification to ISO 26000 (publication date 1 November 2010).

ISO 26000 explicitly states that it is not intended or appropriate for certification, and any certification would be a misuse of the standard. Therefore, Certification Bodies are strongly urged not to promote or provide certification to ISO 26000 and Accreditation Bodies and Certification Bodies are requested to report any misuse or need for certification, to the ISO Secretariat.

IAF Resolution 2010–11 – (Agenda Item 7) **Modified Balloting Process concerning the Transition to ISO/IEC 17021**

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that due to time restrictions, a modified balloting process concerning the transition to ISO/IEC 17021 be approved, whereby after a positive Technical Committee decision regarding acceptability of the informative transition document, it be circulated to all IAF members for 30 day ballot.

IAF Resolution 2010–12 – (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 the implementation of the revision of ISO/IEC 17021 will be 24 months from the date of publication.

IAF Resolution 2010-13 – (Agenda Item 8) **MLA Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chairman of the MLA Committee (ref IAF GA 24_8) and noted the MLA Committee program.

IAF Resolution 2010-14 – (Agenda Item 8) **New IAF MLA Signatories** – The General Assembly noted the admission to the IAF MLA signatories, since the 2009 General Assembly, of the following IAF Members:

- NSC, Thailand (PAC); Main scope – ISO/IEC Guide 65;
- NAT, Hungary (EA); Main scope – ISO/IEC 17021 and ISO/IEC Guide 65; Sub-scope ISO 9001, ISO 14001,
- INDECOPI, Peru (IAAC); Main scope ISO/IEC 17021; sub-scope ISO 14001;
- JAB, Japan (PAC); Main Scope: ISO/IEC Guide 65;
- INN, Chile; Main Scope: ISO/IEC 17021; Sub-Scope: ISO 9001 & ISO 14001;
- TUNAC, Tunisia; Main Scope: ISO/IEC 17021; Sub-Scope: ISO 9001 & ISO 14001.

IAF Resolution 2010-15 – (Agenda Item 10) **Terms of Reference of the Communications and Marketing Committee** - The General Assembly agreed to accept the proposed amendments to the terms of reference for the Communications and Marketing Committee to allow all IAF Members to nominate a representative.

IAF Resolution 2010-16 – (Agenda Item 11) **User Advisory Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report (ref IAF GA24_11) from the Chairman of the User Advisory Committee (UAC) as presented.

IAF Resolution 2010-17 – (Agenda Item 12.1) **Treasurer's Report on the Financial Operations of IAF in 2009** - 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, 2009 as presented.

IAF Resolution 2010-18 – (Agenda Item 12.2) **Financial Oversight Committee** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Financial Oversight Committee (ref IAF GA23_12-2), as circulated and endorsed the recommendation that the 2009 financial accounts be accepted.

IAF Resolution 2010-19 – (Agenda Item 12.2) **Terms of Reference and Membership of the Financial Oversight Committee** - The General Assembly agreed to accept the proposed revision of the terms of reference for the Financial Oversight Committee, resolved to appoint Mr. Toru Mikami (JQA), Mr Jeff Chen (TAF) and Mr. Marcos Aurélio Lima de Oliveira (Cgcre) to be members of the Financial Oversight Committee for the complete years of 2011 and 2012, and confirmed the nomination of Mr. Toru Mikami as the Chair of the Financial Oversight Committee.

IAF Resolution 2010-20 – (Agenda Item 12.2) **Treasurer's Report on the Financial Operations of IAF in 2010** - 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 2010 as presented.

IAF Resolution 2010-21 – (Agenda Item 12.3) **Provision of increased Secretarial Support** - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, resolved that the IAF Board would ensure appropriate secretarial support for the IAF main committees, with the necessary funding being provided for 2011 from IAF's current reserves and a plan and budget for 2012 to be submitted for approval at the 2011 General Assembly meeting.

IAF Resolution 2010-22 – (Agenda Item 12.3) **IAF Budget for 2011** - The General Assembly approved the IAF Budget for 2011, as submitted by the Treasurer, and directed the Secretary to send invoices for membership fees for 2011 based upon the budget amount.

IAF Resolution 2010-23 – (Agenda Item 13) **Election of Directors** - The General Assembly congratulated Mr Ekanit Romyanon (NSC) on his election as Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in a low and medium income economy, as designated by the World Bank, for a three year term ending at the 2013 General Assembly Meeting.

> Notes:

> 1. Mr Randy Dougherty (ANAB) will complete his first term as IAF Chairman at the 2012 General Assembly Meeting.

> 2. Mr Xiao Jianhua (CNAS) will complete his first term as IAF Vice Chair at the 2012 General Assembly Meeting.

> 3. Dr Thomas Facklam (DAkkS) will complete his first term as Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in a high income economy, as designated by the World Bank, at the 2012 General Assembly Meeting.

> 4. Mr Guenther Beer (BDI) will complete his second term as Director representing Industry and User Association Members, at the 2011 General Assembly Meeting.

> 5. Mr Roger Bennett (IIOC) will complete his first term as Director representing Conformity Assessment Body Association Members, at the 2011 General Assembly Meeting.

IAF Resolution 2010-24 – (Agenda Item 14) **Transfer of the responsibility for the scope of inspection from a common IAF/ILAC ownership to ILAC alone** The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, resolved that the responsibility for the scope of inspection should be transferred from a common IAF/ILAC ownership to ILAC alone, with the understanding that the existing structure dealing with inspection in IAF/ILAC (i.e. the Joint Inspection Group) will be transferred into the ILAC structure with the possibility of participation of all members of IAF and ILAC. The General Assembly further resolved to ask ILAC to provide, in consideration of the potential extra cost related to become an ILAC Member, a cost neutral possibility for an IAF Member to become an ILAC Inspection MRA signatory, taking into account the needs of developing economies.

IAF Resolution 2009-25 – (Agenda Item 15) **Confirmation of the JGA 10 Resolutions** - The General Assembly confirmed the Resolutions adopted by IAF and ILAC at the 10th IAF-ILAC Joint General Assembly as listed in Annex 1 to this document.

IAF Resolution 2010-26 – (Agenda Item 16) **2010 Annual Meetings** – The General Assembly expressed its appreciation for the generous hospitality and excellent arrangements provided by CNAS (China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment) as the host of the IAF Twenty Fourth Annual Meetings, held in October 2010, in Shanghai, China. The General Assembly particularly noted the opportunities created by CNAS for delegates to have an enriching cultural experience and was also pleased with the interest in accredited conformity assessment demonstrated by the participation of high ranking government officials.

End of resolutions adopted at IAF 24. General Assembly.

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Annex 1

Adopted Resolutions for IAF and ILAC at the 10th IAF-ILAC Joint General Assembly

28 October 2010, Shanghai, China

JGA Shanghai Resolution 1 - Reports from International Organisations
The Joint General Assembly received with appreciation the presentations and reports from the following international organizations:
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- International Organisation for Standardization (ISO)
- International Organisation for Legal Metrology (OIML)
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

JGA Shanghai Resolution 2 – IEC-ILAC-IAF MoU
The Joint General Assembly welcomed the signing of a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IEC, ILAC and IAF, as a replacement for the existing MoUs between ILAC and IEC and between IAF and IEC.

JGA Shanghai Resolution 3 – OIML-ILAC-IAF MoU
The Joint General Assembly welcomed the signing of a revised tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between OIML, ILAC and IAF, which supersedes the existing MoU between the three parties.

JGA Shanghai Resolution 4 - Reports from IAF and ILAC Regional Groups
The Joint General Assembly received with appreciation the reports provided by APLAC, EA, IAAC, PAC and SADCA.

JGA Shanghai Resolution 5- Invitation for the 2013 Annual Meetings
The Joint General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by KAS and KOLAS to host the 2013 IAF-ILAC Annual Meetings in Seoul, South Korea.

End of resolutions.