



## **ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTEENTH ILAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL**

**26 OCTOBER 2012**

### ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.01***

The General Assembly accepts the Minutes of the 15th meeting of the ILAC General Assembly, held on 21 December 2011 in Sydney as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.02***

The General Assembly confirms the results of the electronic ballots to accept the following organisations as Associates:

- Organismo De Acreditacion Ecuatoriano (OAE), Ecuador
- Organismo Nacional de Acreditacion (ONA), Paraguay

### ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.03***

The General Assembly welcomes the following new signatories to the ILAC Arrangement for the laboratory accreditation scopes listed:

- Cyprus Organisation for the Promotion of Quality (CYS) Cyprus Accreditation Body (CYSAB), Cyprus for testing
- Organismo De Acreditacion Ecuatoriano (OAE), Ecuador for calibration and testing
- Oficina Guatemalteca de Acreditacion, Guatemala for extension of scope to include calibration
- Office Luxembourgeois d'Accreditation et de Surveillance (OLAS), Luxembourg for extension of scope to include calibration
- Mongolian Agency for Standardization and Metrology, Accreditation Department (MNAS), Mongolia for calibration and testing
- Organismo Nacional de Acreditacion (ONA), Paraguay for testing
- Accreditation Board of Serbia (ATS), Serbia for calibration and testing
- Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment (SLAB), Sri Lanka for extension of scope to include calibration
- IARM, The Accreditation Institute of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia for calibration and testing

### ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.04***

The General Assembly ratifies the Executive Committee decision to admit the following organisations as Affiliates:

- Accreditation Education Research & Scientific Services Center (AERSSC), Nepal
- Accreditation Commission for Conformity Assessment Bodies (ACCB), India
- Joint Stock Company Scientific Technical Center "Industrial Safety" (STC-IS), Russian Federation
- State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan (AZSTAND), Azerbaijan

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.05***

The General Assembly ratifies the Executive Committee decision to admit the following organisation as a Stakeholder:

- Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), USA

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.06***

The General Assembly notes the decision of the ILAC Arrangement Council extending the ILAC Arrangement to include the accreditation of inspection bodies.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.07***

The General Assembly welcomes the extension of recognition for the following regional cooperation bodies as part of the inaugural signing of the ILAC Arrangement to include the accreditation of inspection bodies:

- Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC)
- European Cooperation for Accreditation (EA)
- Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC)

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.08 & Attachment A***

The General Assembly welcomes those listed in Attachment A to this document, as inaugural signatories to the extension of the ILAC Arrangement for the accreditation of inspection bodies.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.09***

The General Assembly accepts the audited financial accounts for 2011.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.10***

The General Assembly accepts the report of the Financial Audit Committee on the 2011 accounts and endorses the response provided by the Executive Committee to the recommendations in the report.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.11***

The General Assembly endorses the appointment of Ms Preet Bassi of International Accreditation Services (IAS) and Dr Rakesh Sharma of The Association of Practising Pathologists (APP) and the continuation of Mr Keith Greenaway (ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board dba ACLASS and FQS) and Dr Llew Richards (IANZ) as members of the Financial Audit Committee.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.12***

The General Assembly endorses the appointment of Dr Llew Richards (IANZ) as Chair of the Financial Audit Committee for a two year term.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.13***

The General Assembly notes the financial report for the period 1 January 2012 to 31 August 2012.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.14***

The General Assembly approves the 2013 Budget (dated 24 October 2012) as proposed by the Executive Committee.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.15***

Noting the financial results for 2011 show financial reserves of 96% of annual operating expense, which is in excess of the limit set in ILAC GA Resolution 13.15, the General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee to develop a plan to return the reserves to the agreed range of 50 – 75%. The proposed plan is to be presented to the General Assembly in 2013.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.16***

The General Assembly rescinds resolution ILAC GA 9.21 (to include inspection bodies in the fee calculation from 1 January of the year following the extension of the ILAC Arrangement to cover inspection) and endorses the recommendation from the ILAC Executive to amend the fee formula to include accredited inspection bodies commencing 1 January 2014.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.17***

The General Assembly approves the proposal from the Executive Committee to extend the current Strategic Plan 2008 – 2012 for a further two years whilst the extensive revision in progress is finalised.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.18 & Attachment B***

The General Assembly confirms the results of the electronic ballots, as listed in Attachment B to this document, undertaken by ILAC since the 15<sup>th</sup> ILAC General Assembly held in 2011.

***Arrangement Committee***

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.19***

The General Assembly endorses the development by the Arrangement Committee of a guidance document on the management of extraordinary events related to accreditation bodies and accredited entities covered by the scope of the ILAC Arrangement.

***Accreditation Committee***

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.20***

As ISO Guide 34:2009 includes normative references to ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 15189, the General Assembly resolves that accreditation of reference material producers is conducted in accordance with ISO Guide 34:2009 alone. This resolution rescinds ILAC resolution 8.12. In addition ILAC R6:07/2012 will be amended to reflect this decision.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.21***

Noting the results of the ISO ballot completed for ISO FDIS 15189 on 11 October 2012, the General Assembly agrees that by 1 March 2016, all references to ISO 15189 in accreditation certificates (as defined and described in ISO/IEC 17011), shall refer to the latest edition of ISO 15189. Compliance will be determined during normal surveillance or reassessment activities or as a separate activity.

At the end of the transition period, accreditation of a laboratory to ISO 15189:2007 will not be recognised under the ILAC Arrangement.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.22***

Following an analysis of the current relevance of ILAC-G22:2004 *Use of Proficiency Testing as a Tool for Accreditation in Testing*, and the conclusion that other documents published on proficiency testing since 2004 provide more relevant information, the General Assembly agrees to the immediate withdrawal of ILAC-G22:2004.

***Inspection Committee***

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.23***

As agreed by the ILAC membership in the ballot 'Rationale for the proposed Period for Transition to ISO/IEC 17020:2012' conducted in July 2012, the transition period for the implementation of *ISO/IEC 17020: 2012 Conformity assessment – Requirements for the operation of various types of inspection bodies performing inspection* will expire on 1 March 2015. At this time, all accreditation certificates issued (as described and defined in ISO/IEC 17011) must reference the 2012 edition of ISO/IEC 17020. Compliance will be determined during normal surveillance or reassessment activities or as a separate activity.

After 1 March 2015, inspection bodies accredited to the previous version of ISO/IEC 17020 will not be recognised under the ILAC Arrangement.

## ***Laboratory Committee***

### ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.24***

The General Assembly notes the election by the Laboratory Committee of Mr Steve Sidney as Chair, and Mr Anthony Anderson as Vice Chair for a two year period.

## ***Proficiency Testing Consultative Group***

### ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.25***

The General Assembly endorses the withdrawal of ILAC G25:01/2012 *Accreditation of Proficiency Testing Providers to ISO/IEC 17043:2010 - A Crosswalk to ILAC G13:2007* as it includes cross references between it and ILAC G13:08/2007 *Guidelines for the Requirements for the Competence of Providers of Proficiency Testing Schemes* which has been withdrawn.

### ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.26***

The General Assembly agrees that the Proficiency Testing Consultative Group will be disbanded and reconstituted as a Proficiency Testing Working Group under the Accreditation Committee (AIC). Commencing in 2013, meetings of the working group will occur annually in conjunction with the AIC mid-year meetings, and participation will be open to all interested ILAC members and stakeholders as well as PT providers.

## ***General***

### ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.27***

The General Assembly notes with appreciation the reports from, and the close cooperation with, the following international organisations:

- Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM)
- World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

### ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.28***

The General Assembly endorses the election of the following officers to the ILAC Executive Committee for two years:

Chair	Peter Unger
Vice-Chair	Merih Malmqvist Nilsson
Arrangement Committee	Ileana Martinez
Accreditation Committee	Regina Robertson
Inspection Committee	Lal Ilan
Marketing & Communications Committee	Jon Murthy
Joint Development Support Committee	Liliane Somma
Arrangement Management Committee	Andreas Steinhorst
Unaffiliated Representative	Etty Feller
Laboratory Committee	Steve Sidney

### ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.29***

The General Assembly expresses its deep appreciation to Graham Talbot, Linda Crawford and Jan van der Poel for their outstanding contribution to ILAC.

### ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.30 & Attachment C***

The General Assembly confirms the Resolutions adopted by IAF and ILAC at the 12<sup>th</sup> IAF-ILAC Joint General Assembly as listed Attachment C to this document.

***ILAC Resolution GA 16.31***

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support services provided by CGCRE for the 16th meeting of the ILAC General Assembly and associated meetings, 16 to 26 October 2012, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## ***ILAC Resolution GA 16.08 Attachment A***

### ***Inaugural Signatories to the ILAC Arrangement for the accreditation of inspection bodies***

- National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia (NATA), Australia
- Akkreditierung Austria, Austria
- China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment (CNAS), People's Republic of China
- Ente Costarricense de Acreditacion (ECA), Costa Rica
- Croatian Accreditation Agency (HAA), Croatia
- Czech Accreditation Institute (CAI), Czech Republic
- Danish Accreditation (DANAK), Denmark
- Organismo De Acreditacion Ecuatoriano (OAE), Ecuador
- Finnish Accreditation Service (FINAS), Finland
- Comite Francais d'Accreditation (COFRAC), France
- Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH (DakKS), Germany
- Hong Kong Accreditation Service (HKAS), Hong Kong, China
- Hungarian Accreditation Board (NAT), Hungary
- National Accreditation Body of Indonesia (KAN), Indonesia
- Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB), Ireland
- Israel Laboratory Accreditation Board (ISRAC), Israel
- Japan Accreditation Board (JAB), Japan
- Office Luxembourgeois d'Accreditation et de Surveillance (OLAS), Luxembourg
- entidad mexicana de acreditacion a.c. (ema), Mexico
- Dutch Accreditation Council (RvA), The Netherlands
- International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ), New Zealand
- Norsk Akkreditering (NA), Norway
- Polish Centre for Accreditation (PCA), Poland
- Instituto Português de Acreditação (IPAC), Portugal
- Accreditation Board of Serbia (ATS), Serbia
- Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC), Singapore
- Slovak National Accreditation Service (SNAS), Slovakia
- Slovenian Accreditation (SA), Slovenia
- South African National Accreditation System (SANAS), South Africa
- Entidad Nacional de Acreditacion (ENAC), Spain
- Swedish Board for Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (SWEDAC), Sweden
- Taiwan Accreditation Foundation (TAF), Chinese Taipei
- National Standardization Council of Thailand – Office of the National Accreditation Council (NSC-ONAC), Thailand
- IARM, The Accreditation Institute of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Turkish Accreditation Agency (TURKAK), Turkey
- Dubai Municipality – Accreditation Department (DAC), United Arab Emirates
- United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS), United Kingdom
- American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA), USA
- Bureau of Accreditation (BOA), Vietnam

**ILAC Resolution GA 16.18 Attachment B**

**ILAC ELECTRONIC BALLOTS 21 December 2011 – 26 October 2012**

<b>DOCUMENTS PROPOSED</b>	<b>CLOSING DATE</b>	<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>PUBLISHED AS</b>
ILAC P8:XX/201X ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (Arrangement): Supplementary Requirements and Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation Symbols and for Claims of Accreditation Status by Accredited Laboratories and Inspection Bodies	11 Oct 2012	56 Responses 96% Yes	To be published in November 2012
ILAC G21:XX/201X - Cross Frontier Accreditation	30 Aug 2012	64 Responses 93% Yes	ILAC-G21:09/2012 Cross Frontier Accreditation — Principles for Cooperation
ILAC G3:XX/201X "Guidelines for Training Courses for Assessors Used By Accreditation Bodies"	28 Jul 2012	66 Responses 98% Yes	ILAC-G3:08/2012 Guidelines for Training Courses for Assessors Used by Accreditation Bodies
ILAC R6:2012-06-22 "Structure of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement and Procedure for Expansion of the Scope of the ILAC Arrangement"	25 Jul 2012	69 Responses 100% Yes	ILAC R6:07/2012 Structure of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement and Procedure for Expansion of the Scope of the ILAC Arrangement
ILAC G26:201X "Guidance for the Implementation of a Medical Laboratory Accreditation System"	17 Jul 2012	64 Responses 100% Yes	ILAC-G26:07/2012 Guidance for the Implementation of a Medical Laboratory Accreditation System
Rationale for the Proposed Period for Transition to ISO/IEC 17020:2012	13 Jul 2012	64 Responses 100% Yes	
IAF/ILAC A5:XX Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Application of ISO/IEC 17011/2004	19 Jun 2012	70 Responses 100% Yes	IAF/ILAC A5:07/2012 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral MRAs: Application of ISO/IEC 17011:2004
ILAC P4:Draft Jan 2012, ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (Arrangement): Policy Statement	15 Feb 2012	63 Responses 100% Yes	ILAC-P4:03/2012 ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (Arrangement): Policy Statement



**INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION FORUM**

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**INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION COOPERATION**

**Adopted Resolutions for IAF and ILAC at the 12<sup>th</sup> IAF-ILAC Joint General Assembly**

**25 October 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

***JGA Rio de Janeiro Resolution 1 – Reports from External Organisations***

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

- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- International Organisation for Standardization (ISO)
- International Organisation for Legal Metrology (OIML)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- International Telecommunications Union (ITU)
- World Trade Organisation (WTO)
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

***JGA Rio de Janeiro 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 MoU between IEC, ILAC and IAF.

***JGA Rio de Janeiro Resolution 3 – ILAC-IAF Agreement for Closer Cooperation***

The Joint General Assembly welcomed the signing of the Agreement for Closer Cooperation between ILAC and IAF, as a replacement for the existing agreement.

***JGA Rio de Janeiro Resolution 4 – JWG A-series Terms of Reference***

The Joint General Assembly endorses the revised Terms of Reference for the JWG A-series. This amendment was to remove reference to “identifying” training needs.

***JGA Rio de Janeiro Resolution 5 – IAF/ILAC A2***

The Joint General Assembly agrees that when the next revision of IAF/ILAC A3 is published to include the evaluation report on a single accreditation body, IAF/ILAC A2-07/2010 will be re-issued with this information removed (that is the current Annex 5 of IAF/ILAC A2-07/2010). The necessary corrections to the annex numbers throughout the text of A2 will also be addressed.

***JGA Rio de Janeiro Resolution 6 – Reports from IAF and ILAC Regional Groups***

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

***JGA Rio de Janeiro Resolution 7 – Invitation for the 2014 Annual Meetings***

The Joint General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by the National Standardization Council (NSC) to host the 2014 IAF-ILAC Annual Meetings in Bangkok, Thailand.

End of resolutions.