

Agenda Item 11_2	
EA/GA(08)52	
Draft List of Resolutions	
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RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED AT THE 22nd EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 19 2008

**ESTORIL, PORTUGAL
18 & 19 NOVEMBER 2008**

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 01

The General Assembly ratifies the results of the electronic ballots to approve the following documents:

- EA-6/03 document - EA Guidance for Recognition of Verification Bodies under EU ETS Directive
- EA-2/15 document - EA Requirements for the Accreditation of Flexible Scopes
- EA-0/01 - Rules for Use of the EA logo
- EA-0/04 - EA Internal Procedure for Liaison Activities
- EA-7/05 - EA Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC 17021: 2006 for Combined Audits
- EA-4/17 - EA position paper on the description of scopes of accreditation of medical laboratories
- EA-5/03 - Guidance for the Implementation of ISO/IEC 17020 in the field of crime scene investigation

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 02

The General Assembly endorses the signing of a Cooperation Agreement with CEN (the European Committee for Standardization) and CENELEC (the European Committee for Electro-technical Standardization).

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 03

The General Assembly endorses the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with EEPKA (the European Electrical Products Certification Association).

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 04

The General Assembly endorses the termination of the membership of DATech, as DATech activities have been merged into TGA GmbH and the DATech legal entity has come to an end.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 05

The General Assembly endorses the draft Terms of Reference of the new Horizontal Harmonization Committee (HHC) as set out in Document EA/GA(08)38 REV 2 ESTORIL.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 06

The General Assembly accepts the following recommendations from the Executive for establishing an EA network meant to share knowledge and information on EU directives as stated in Document EA/GA(08)48:

1. Based on the responses from the ABs, networks should be established for 18 schemes covering 26 directives.
2. a) Accreditation bodies which have not offered to convene networks shall be requested to reconsider their responses (BMW, DANAK, EAK, ILNAS, ISAC, LA, LATAK, NA, PCA);
2. b) ABs that have not responded to the survey shall be requested to respond within two weeks and be encouraged to propose convenors for directives;
2. c) If the number of ABs prepared to convene networks is not increased considerably the number of network to be started up might be reduced and the need for additional networks reconsidered in May 2009;
2. d) The EA Executive Committee is authorised to appoint convenors for the networks and to decide for which directives networks will be established immediately;
2. e) The EA Executive Committee will consider presenting a resolution at the EA GA in May 2009 stating the obligation for all ABs accrediting CABs being assigned as a Notified Body to participate in the EA network sharing knowledge and information on EU directives and possibly to take on convenorship for networks;

2. f) The present EA policy to appoint convenors from EA members shall be maintained.
3. The Horizontal Harmonisation Committee shall hold the overall responsibility for the work of the established networks dealing with directives and each network shall report to the HHC. Networks may however, transfer specific technical issues to one of the technical committees within the EA structure.
To ensure harmonisation of activities across networks the HHC shall draft generic Terms of Reference for the networks which have to be endorsed by the EA GA.
4. Each network shall draft its work plan to be endorsed by the EA GA.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 07

The General Assembly elects Merih Malmqvist, SWEDAC, as the Chair of the Horizontal Harmonization Committee.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 08

The General Assembly elects Torleif Hauge, NA, as member of the Financial Oversight Committee to replace I. Matsas (ESYD) for one year up to the end of the mandate of the current FOC.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 09

The General Assembly adopts the annual Financial Audit report for 2007.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 10

The General Assembly accepts the report as submitted by the Financial Oversight Committee. The General Assembly requests the Executive to act on all open recommendations, taking into account the responses provided by the Executive as outlined in document EA/GA(08)51 and the further clarification given verbally during the meeting.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 11

The General Assembly approves the financial accounts for 2007 (document EA/GA(08)35).

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 12

The General Assembly approves the proposed budget and fee schedule for 2009 (documents EA/GA(08)44 Annex and EA/GA(08)46 Activity-based budget 2009 based on numbers given in EA/GA(08)44).

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 13 ~~WITHDRAWN~~

~~The General Assembly mandates the EA Executive Committee, in cooperation with the EA Secretary, to take care of the daily administration of the EA accounts and finances within the budget allocations proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Assembly.~~

~~In accomplishing such mandate, the EA Chairman or Vice Chairman will be entitled to authorize EA expenditures and payments up to the amount of 5.000 € (five thousands Euros), with faculty of delegating such power to the EA Secretary within the same limits.~~

~~For higher amounts, expenditures and payments shall be authorized jointly by the EA Chairman and another member of the Executive Committee in writing. Records will be kept by the Secretariat.~~

~~The Secretariat will finalise the corresponding procedure.~~

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 14

The General Assembly welcomes the adoption by the Council of the European Union and by the European Parliament of the "New Internal Market Package for Goods" and resolves that:

Under the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement and IAF Multilateral Agreement, EA **recognises** that:

Accredited reports and certificates issued in accordance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011 and the provisions of the relevant ILAC and IAF application documents by conformity assessment bodies that are accredited by non EA Full Member country based accreditation body signatories to the above international agreements but which are not signatories to the EA Multilateral Agreement (MLA) or hold a Bilateral Agreement (BLAs) with EA, are considered to be equally reliable to those issued under accreditation within the EA MLA and BLAs.

Accreditation bodies that are not Members of EA may not meet all of the criteria specified in Regulation (EC) 765/2008 that EA Members have to meet from January 1st 2010 at the latest (for example, having been appointed by the Government as a single national accreditation body and recognized by the Government as acting with public authority in the public interest, being independent of commercial motivations and non-profit distributing, not competing with other accreditation bodies, not performing cross-frontier accreditation beyond the given limitations, etc).

Accreditation bodies that have a BLA with EA shall, by 1 January 2012, be required to meet the same requirements as an EA Full Member that is a signatory to the EA MLA, but, in the transition period from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2011 may not have been evaluated to show compliance with all the relevant criteria.

Accreditation bodies that have a Cooperation Agreement with EA shall, by 1 January 2012, be required to meet the same requirements as an EA Full Member that is not an MLA signatory, but, in the transition period from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2011 may not have been evaluated to show compliance with all the relevant criteria.

From 1 January 2010 onwards, new BLAs shall be established by EA only with accreditation bodies fully complying with the provisions of Regulations (EC) 765/2008.

Up-to-date details of the status of BLAs and Cooperation Agreements shall be maintained on the EA web site www.european-accreditation.org.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 15

The General Assembly endorses the signing of a Contract of Cooperation with:

- the National Center of Accreditation (NCA) of the Republic of Kazakhstan, in the light of the Recommendation EA-MAC-MG(08)004August2008;
- the Accreditation Body of Montenegro (ATCG) of the Republic of Montenegro, in the light of Recommendation EA-MAC-MG(08)005August2008.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 16

In the light of Recommendation EA-MAC-MG(08)006August2008, the General Assembly resolves that a Contract of Cooperation will be signed with the Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC) of the Arab Republic of Egypt when the two Egyptian accreditation bodies (EGAC and NLAB) have finalised their merging process.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 17

The General Assembly endorses the revised Terms of Reference of the Communications and Publications Committee (CPC) as set out in Document EA/CPC(08)25_rev01.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 18

The General Assembly endorses a new work item to be undertaken by a CPC Task Force to revise Document EA-02/12 "Procedure for Development and Approval of EA Documents and the Adoption of ILAC/IAF Documents" according to Document EA/GA(08)41 REV 01 ESTORIL.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 19

The General Assembly endorses the revised draft Terms of Reference of the new Working Group on the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (document EA/GA(08)42 REV EX 171108) to be established by the Executive Committee and appoints Niels-Christian Dalstrup of DANAK as convenor of the WG.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 20

The General Assembly resolves to disband the Working Group on ISMS (Information Security Management System) certification established by the Certification Committee.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 21

The General Assembly ratifies the Certification Committee recommendation providing that accreditation of certification to ISO 28000 in the field of Security Management System for the supply chain should be made according to ISO 28003 in combination with ISO/IEC 17021.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 22

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support services provided by IPAC for the 22nd EA General Assembly on 18 & 19 November 2008 in Estoril, Portugal.

The General Assembly confirms that the next two meetings will take place on:

- 27 & 28 May 2009 in Luxembourg
- 25 & 26 November 2009 in Bruges (Belgium)

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 23

The General Assembly gives a mandate to the Executive to approve and the Chair to sign the guidelines for cooperation between EA, EC, EFTA and the competent national authorities.

EA Resolution 2008 (22)24

The General Assembly gives a mandate to the Chair to sign the proposed MoU with APLAC.

EA Resolution 2008 (22) 25

The General Assembly endorses a new work item to be undertaken by the MAC to revise its TOR taking into account recommendations by the Executive.

A proposal shall be submitted to the General Assembly at the next meeting.

End of resolutions proposed at the 22nd EA General Assembly.