



ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEVENTH ILAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

20 & 22 SEPTEMBER 2003

ILAC Resolution GA 7.01

The General Assembly accepts the Minutes of its sixth meeting, held 22 & 26 September 2002 in Berlin, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.02

The General Assembly accepts the report of the ILAC Executive Committee.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.03

The General Assembly welcomes the following new signatories to the ILAC Arrangement:

- Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM) - Testing
- Bureau of Laboratory Quality Standards, Department of Medical Sciences (BLQS-DMSc), Ministry of Public Health, Thailand – Testing
- Servizio di Taratura in Italia (SIT) – Calibration
- Japan Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment (JAB) – Extension of scope to include Calibration

ILAC Resolution GA 7.04

The General Assembly welcomes the following Associates:

- Jordan Institute for Standards and Metrology/Accreditation Unit (JISM/AU)
- National Accreditation Body of Republica de Cuba (ONARC)
- Turkish Accreditation Agency (TURKAK)

ILAC Resolution GA 7.05

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

- Oficina Guatemalteca de Accreditación (OGA) (Guatemala)
- TUV Rheinland of North America Inc. (USA)
- Tajikistandart (Tajikistan)

ILAC Resolution GA 7.06

The General Assembly ratifies the Executive Committee decision to admit the following organizations as Stakeholders:

- International Federation of Inspection Agencies (IFIA)
- Russian Testing Organization (RTO)

ILAC Resolution GA 7.07

The General Assembly accepts the report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.08

The General Assembly accepts the audited financial accounts for 2002.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.09

The General Assembly notes the financial report for the period 1 January 2003 to 31 July 2003.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.10

The General Assembly approves the 2004 Budget, as submitted by the ILAC Treasurer.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.11

The General Assembly authorizes the ILAC Chair to have discretionary use of “Representational Travel” funds allocated in the 2004 Budget.

Joint Working Groups***ILAC Resolution GA 7.12***

The General Assembly endorses adoption of the ILAC/IAF Guidance Document for ISO/IEC 17020, upon approval by 60 day ballot.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.13

The General Assembly endorses use of the ILAC/IAF Guidance Document for ISO/IEC 17020 as the basis for accreditation bodies assessing inspection bodies for the proposed ILAC/IAF Multi-lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MLMRA). When this document is approved it will be published as an A-Series document.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.14

The General Assembly tasks the JCCC to develop a mechanism, in conjunction with inspection stakeholders, for:

1. a single Inspection Arrangement Council;
2. development of technical criteria for use in evaluations, using existing ILAC and IAF harmonised evaluation procedures

ILAC Resolution GA 7.15

The General Assembly approves development of a single logo/mark for the inspection body MLMRA and a fee structure.

Accreditation Policy Committee***ILAC Resolution GA 7.16***

The General Assembly endorses the procedures developed by the ILAC APC for the registration and protection of the ILAC MRA Mark.



The General Assembly notes that these procedures are closely harmonised with those of IAF as follows:

1. *ILAC will register the ILAC MRA Mark as shown above in the countries of its Members, Associates and Affiliates and other economies not in an ILAC member category as appropriate;*
2. *for Members, Associates and Affiliates whose economies are signatories to the Madrid Protocol, the ILAC MRA Mark will be registered centrally by the ILAC Secretariat;*
3. *for those that are not signatories to the Madrid Protocol, the ILAC Secretariat will register the ILAC MRA Mark in cooperation with ILAC Members, Associates and Affiliates;*
4. *Members indicate their signatory status by using a combined ILAC MRA Mark (a combination of the ILAC MRA Mark and the ILAC Member's Accreditation Mark) as shown below. The AB will sign a licence agreement with ILAC in order to use the combined ILAC MRA Mark.*



Accreditation

Body's

Logo

5. *Laboratories accredited by ILAC Members may use the combined ILAC MRA Mark by adding the identification number of their accreditation, as shown below. The right to use this combined ILAC MRA Mark is granted through;*
 - a) *a sublicense agreement between the AB and the accredited laboratory or;*
 - b) *conditions of the sublicense agreement that are included in the accreditation requirements of the AB.*



Mark which
Accredited Laboratories
are entitled to use

Registration Number

ILAC Resolution GA 7.17

The General Assembly recommends the use of the information system, established by BAM (Germany), when populated, for monitoring the ILAC liaisons with ISO and other bodies. Members are encouraged to review the documents and reports displayed and to contribute to the ILAC position.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.18

The General Assembly supports the establishment of an ILAC forum for Proficiency Testing Providers, which would consider the topics of conformity assessment including accreditation of Proficiency Testing Providers, the potential need for harmonization of criteria and procedures, and the potential future relevance of accreditations to the ILAC Arrangement.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.19

The General Assembly endorses the development of harmonised policy and procedures for accreditation or third party assessment of Reference Material Producers.

In this regard, the General Assembly notes the importance of the on-going cooperation between ILAC and the voluntary International Advisory Group on Reference Materials (IAGRM).

ILAC Resolution GA 7.20

The General Assembly endorses development of mechanisms for intensified cooperation with organizations assessing technical competence of laboratories and inspection bodies to requirements which differ from the ILAC Arrangement.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.21

The General Assembly appreciates the work done jointly with IAF on harmonisation of requirements for evaluation of regions and individual accreditation bodies.

The General Assembly agrees that further amendment or revision of ILAC P1, P2, P3 and P7 is deferred pending the outcome of the A-series ballot.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.22

The General Assembly tasks Committee Chairs to select and invite appropriate individuals to undertake work, or be members of working groups. The General Assembly supports the need to have a more balanced distribution of the workload and notes the reasons for some members not taking an active role in ILAC work as detailed in the APC report. Experienced members are expected to mentor new members.

Technical Accreditation Issues Committee***ILAC Resolution GA 7.23***

The General Assembly endorses the TAIC recommendation to provide funding for the modification of the European Proficiency Testing Information System (EPTIS) database.

In this regard the General Assembly notes:

1. this request is based on the GA 2000 resolution 4.22 to support the EPTIS database.
2. the EPTIS modification will improve the search capability of the database to:
 - a) search for PT providers that are accredited or, otherwise third party assessed
 - b) search by accreditors of PT providers
3. this funding is a reallocation, in part, of the funding already requested in the TAIC 2004 Budget.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.24

The General Assembly endorses the new TAIC work items for:

- a. Accreditation of opinions and interpretations
- b. Accreditation of sampling
- c. Accreditation of medical laboratories in cooperation with TC212
- d. Expression of the scope of accreditation for testing and calibration laboratories

Laboratory Committee***ILAC Resolution GA 7.25***

The General Assembly notes:

1. reaffirmation of the LC March 2002 resolution on alignment of ISO/IEC 17025:1999 & ISO 9001:2000, and
2. LC support for the 22 July 2003 ISO/IEC DAM 17025

Joint Development Support Committee***ILAC Resolution GA 7.26***

The General Assembly recognizes the work carried out by IAF and ILAC in the Joint Committee for coordination of assistance to Developing Countries in Metrology, Accreditation and Standardization (JCDCMAS) and encourages the continuation of this effort.

ILAC Resolution GA 7.27

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

- Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM)
- International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- United Nations International Development Organization (UNIDO)

ILAC Resolution GA 7.28

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support services provided by SNAS as host for the Seventh ILAC General Assembly and associated meetings, 14 to 22 September 2003, in Bratislava, Slovakia.