



ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS OF THE NINTH ILAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

18 & 20 SEPTEMBER 2005

ILAC Resolution GA 9.01

The General Assembly accepts the Minutes of its eighth meeting, held 10 & 12 October 2004 in Cape Town, as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.02

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

- Organismo Argentino de Acreditacion (OAA), Argentina – Testing and Calibration
- National Laboratories Accreditation Bureau (NLAB), Egypt – Testing and Calibration
- Polish Centre for Accreditation (PCA), Poland – Testing & Calibration
- International Accreditation Service, Inc (IAS), USA – Extension of scope to include Calibration
- National Accreditation Body of Republica de Cuba (ONARC), Cuba – Testing & Calibration

ILAC Resolution GA 9.03

The General Assembly welcomes the following Associates:

- Association of Analytical Centers “Analitica” (AAC Analitica), Russian Federation
- Moroccan Committee of Accreditation (MCA), Morocco
- Office Luxembourgeois d’Accreditation et de Surveillance (OLAS), Luxembourg
- Dubai Municipality – Accreditation Centre (DAC), United Arab Emirates
- Canadian Association for Environmental Analytical Laboratories (CAEAL), Canada

ILAC Resolution GA 9.04

The General Assembly welcomes the following Regional Cooperation Body:

- Central Asian Cooperation on Metrology Accreditation and Quality (CAC-MAS-Q)

ILAC Resolution GA 9.05

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

- Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MNCCI), Mongolia
- National Body on Accreditation of Georgia (NBA), Georgia
- Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS), Kenya

ILAC Resolution GA 9.06

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

ILAC Resolution GA 9.07

The General Assembly accepts the audited financial accounts for 2004.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.08

The General Assembly notes the financial report for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 July 2005.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.09

The General Assembly approves the 2006 Budget, as submitted by the ILAC Treasurer.

Executive Committee

ILAC Resolution GA 9.10

The General Assembly resolves that the A-series documents (A1, A2 and A3) be updated to reference ISO/IEC 17011, for implementation by 1 January 2006 without the comment period.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.11

The General Assembly resolves that a common procedure for selecting venues and hosting of future IAF-ILAC Annual Meetings be jointly established with IAF by June 2006.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.12

Taking into account the current wide use of ILAC G13, and the need for a future Standard to be a suitable common base for accreditation of PT providers in all sectors by ILAC Members, the General Assembly endorses ILAC requesting an urgent revision of ISO/IEC Guide 43 Part 1 & 2 by ISO/CASCO and its conversion into a Standard.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.13

While awaiting the availability of a replacement Standard for ISO/IEC Guide 43, and noting the global use of many PT programs, the General Assembly recognises the need for its Members to use harmonised requirements for the accreditation of PT Providers and endorses the use of ILAC G13 and ISO/IEC Guide 43 as the base criteria for such accreditations.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.14

The General Assembly endorses a review of the text of ILAC G13, while ISO/IEC Guide 43 is being revised/replaced.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.15

The ILAC General Assembly resolves that the rules for use of the ILAC MRA mark should be amended to allow sub-licensees to use the laboratory combined MRA mark on calibration certificates and test reports, pre-printed letterhead, quotations for work, advertisements, websites and other documents.

Joint Working Groups

ILAC Resolution GA 9.16

Joint Working Group on Communications – The General Assembly resolves to establish a Joint Working Group with IAF for communications and marketing of issues of common interest and further resolves that the respective Chairs of the IAF and ILAC Communications and Marketing Committees, together with those from the Regional Accreditation Groups and a member representing unaffiliated bodies, should prepare draft Terms of Reference and a proposed constitution to be considered by the Executive Committee at its first meeting in 2006.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.17

Joint Management of the MLA-MRA - The General Assembly resolves:

- to recommend to IAF to hold joint meetings of the IAF MLA MC and ILAC AMC, with support by the Secretariats of both the IAF MLA MC and ILAC AMC, to consider evaluations with regard to regional MLA/MRA groups/unaffiliated accreditation bodies for the MLMRA on inspection body accreditation (once operational) and to develop a single recommendation for the IAF MLA Group and the ILAC Arrangement Council for inspection body accreditation signatories;

- to recommend to IAF to hold joint meetings of the IAF MLA Group and ILAC Arrangement Council for decisions (by the IAF MLA Group and the ILAC Arrangement Council) on signatories for the MLMRA on inspection body accreditation (once operational) and unaffiliated accreditation bodies;
- to recommend to IAF to hold joint meetings of the IAF MLA MC and ILAC AMC, for the organization and planning of peer evaluations (regional and unaffiliated accreditation bodies) for accreditation of other conformity assessment bodies where there are common activities, and to jointly consider common elements of evaluation reports from such evaluations.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.18

Inspection MLMRA - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the JCCC, resolves to proceed with a global Multilateral Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MLMRA) for inspection jointly with IAF.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.19

Inspection MLMRA - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the JCCC, resolves to encourage the JWG for Inspection to reach consensus on the technical issues under debate and looks forward to a resolution of these matters at the Cancun meeting, November 2006.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.20

Inspection MLMRA - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the JCCC, resolves that the draft of the IAF-ILAC MLMRA Inspection text, be circulated to all ILAC Members for 60 day comment.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.21

Inspection Body Fees - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the JCCC, resolves that the fee structure for accreditation of Inspection bodies would be introduced into the budgets of ILAC and IAF for the calendar year following the start of the process of implementing the IAF-ILAC MLMRA for Inspection.

Joint Development Support Committee

ILAC Resolution GA 9.22

The General Assembly encourages the Joint Committee on Coordination of Technical Assistance to Developing Countries in Metrology, Accreditation and Standardization (JCDCMAS) to build relationships with appropriate donor organisations in order to best use the resources available within the JCDCMAS members for the benefit of developing countries seeking to implement and strengthen their capacity in standards, accreditation, conformity assessment and metrology.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.23

Noting the work of the Proficiency Testing Consultative Group (PTCG), the General Assembly strongly supports the work between the UNIDO representative, the PTCG Chair and the Joint Development Support Committee (JDSC) Chair, taking into consideration the needs of developing countries in proficiency testing activities.

Arrangement Committee

ILAC Resolution GA 9.24

The General Assembly agrees to revise ILAC P2 (evaluation of regional cooperations), and to consider the P2 revision as a supplement to A1, and only contain the additional requirements that are unique to ILAC members' activity.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.25

The General Assembly supports the ARC's development of a discussion paper that proposes processes to expand or extend the scope of the MRA into other areas, considering also the following criteria for inclusion of a standard or other normative documents in the ILAC MRA.

- 1) Significant relevance to accreditation of laboratories/inspection bodies and bodies involved in related activities.
- 2) Sufficient substance to enhance the recognition of competence.
- 3) Fulfills appropriate needs on an international basis
- 4) Lack of inclusion poses threats to ILAC leadership in accreditation
- 5) Complementary to or supportive of any of the other standards being currently used
- 6) Does not dilute the substance of any existing standard under the ILAC MRA.
- 7) Document must be produced by an international consensus process (including all relevant interested parties).

ILAC Resolution GA 9.26

Following the European directive on *in vitro* diagnostics and the market need conveyed by JCTLM, the General Assembly resolves that the accreditation of medical reference measurement laboratories should be based on the requirements of ISO 15195 in combination with ISO/IEC 17025.

The General Assembly also requires the ILAC Executive to request ISO that ISO 15195 be revised, including, but not limited to, the need to have a normative reference to ISO/IEC 17025.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.27

The General Assembly resolves that accreditation of medical reference measurement laboratories using ISO 15195 in combination with ISO/IEC 17025 will be included under the current ILAC Arrangement, when appropriate procedures for this activity are developed and agreed by ILAC.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.28

Following 2004 ILAC GA resolutions 8.11 and 8.12 relating to accreditation of Reference Materials Producers, the General Assembly resolves that the accreditation to ISO Guide 34 in combination with ISO/IEC 17025 be included under the current ILAC arrangement when appropriate procedures for this activity are developed and agreed by ILAC.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.29

The General Assembly notes the approval of ILAC P9, ILAC Policy for Participation in National and International Proficiency Testing Activities and reaffirms that it become effective from January 1, 2006.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.30

The General Assembly resolves to allow a vote on the approval of the ARC draft of P3 (evaluation of unaffiliated bodies) without a comment period, because this draft is aligned with A2 as decided in an earlier ILAC resolution.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.31

The General Assembly resolves that all ILAC members shall have a cross-frontier accreditation policy in harmony with ILAC G 21. The requirements for this shall be included in the relevant P document as soon as possible.

Accreditation Committee

ILAC Resolution GA 9.32

The General Assembly reconfirms the transition period of two years for the implementation of ISO/IEC 17025:2005. By 1st June, 2007 all accreditation certificates, as defined and described in ISO/IEC 17011, of testing and calibration laboratories shall refer to the 2005 edition of ISO/IEC 17025. Such accreditation certificates shall be issued after proper assessment of the added and amended clauses of the International Standard. This assessment can be done during normal surveillance or reassessment activities or as a separate activity.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.33

Noting that the G-series documents ILAC G2:1994 and ILAC G4:1994 have been superseded by ILAC P10:2002 and ILAC G18:2002 respectively, the General Assembly resolves to withdraw G2 and G4.

General

ILAC Resolution GA 9.34

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 Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) and ISO/CASCO
- Industry Cooperation for Standards and Conformity Assessment (ICSCA)
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

ILAC Resolution GA 9.35

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support services provided by IANZ as host for the Ninth ILAC General Assembly and associated meetings, 12 to 20 September 2005, in Auckland, New Zealand.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.36

The General Assembly accepts with appreciation the invitation by entidad mexicana de acreditación a.c. (ema) to host the 2006 Annual Meetings in Cancun, Mexico, from 6 to 15 November, 2006.

ILAC Resolution GA 9.37

The General Assembly accepts with appreciation the invitation by JAS-ANZ and NATA to host the 2007 Annual Meetings in Australia.