

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

EA – The European co-operation for Accreditation

and

EOQ – The European Organization for Quality

EA the “European co-operation for Accreditation” – which is the Association of nationally recognised Accreditation Bodies of the Member States of the European Union (EU) and of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and of countries that have been formally identified as candidates for membership of EU and EFTA – whose mission is to provide, through its members, effective and reliable accreditation services fulfilling at best the needs of the European economy and society

and

EOQ the “European Organization for Quality” – which is a European Association gathering European quality organizations as well as institutions, companies and individuals from all over the world – whose mission is to improve the European society through the promotion of quality in its broadest sense, by promoting research, disseminating knowledge, qualifying people and integrating qualified people within the organizations structure

hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

recognizing that

- EA applies, for accreditation, the pertinent standards and guides, duly supported by EA application documents, to further the effective and harmonized operation of accreditation by its member Accreditation Bodies.
- EA ensures that such Accreditation Bodies are properly following the applicable rules and duly enforcing their observance by the accredited conformity assessment bodies, by operating a peer evaluation system founded on solid and transparent criteria and procedures and managing the related Multilateral Agreement (MLA).