

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 26th EA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**24 & 25 NOVEMBER 2010
BUDVA, MONTENEGRO**

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 01

The General Assembly ratifies the results of the electronic ballots completed since the last General Assembly meeting according to Document EA/GA(10)46.

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 02

The General Assembly confirms the decision made by the GA on the first day of this meeting to adopt the EA Articles of Association and Rules of Procedure and authorise each member of the Executive Committee of the association, as well as Mr. Jan Carel van der Poel, born on April, 23, 1951 and each of the candidate civil-law notaries and notarial assistants employed by CMS Derks Star Busmann N.V., aforementioned, to have the notarial deed of amendment of Articles of Association executed and to perform all other legal acts which the attorney deems necessary in respect of the foregoing.

The General Assembly gives the Executive Committee the mandate to address any issue that may be raised by the Notary in the final process of publication of the Articles and Rules of Procedure.

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 03

The General Assembly endorses the recommendation made by the EA MLA Council to sign a Contract of Cooperation with the Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC) of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 04

The General Assembly endorses the decision of the Executive Committee to invite the European Federation for Welding, Joining and Cutting (EWF) to become Recognized Stakeholders of EA, and to enter into an agreement with EWF in accordance with EA-1/15: *EA Policy for Relations with Stakeholders*.

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 05

The General Assembly agrees that the EA Chairman has the mandate to sign the Framework Partnership Agreement and operating grant agreement for 2010 with EFTA.

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 06

The General Assembly notes with appreciation the draft EA Work Programme for 2011 submitted to the European Commission on 30 September 2010 and EFTA and mandates the Executive Committee to finalise this and sign the operating grant agreements with the European Commission and EFTA.

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 07

The General Assembly supports the proposed EA Strategy for the years 2010-2015, and mandates the Executive Committee to implement the recommendations made in Document EA/GA(10)33, considering the various comments made at the meeting.

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 08

The General Assembly mandates the Executive Committee to proceed to select suitable offices for EA in Paris, to ensure continuity of EA's IT facilities, and to implement the move from the current location by the end of the 1st quarter of 2011 (Document EA/GA(10)48).

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 09

The General Assembly endorses the recommendations made in Document EA/GA(10)47 by the TFG of the Executive Committee especially appointed to investigate further the potential introduction of a European Accreditation Symbol.

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 10

The General Assembly notes the financial forecast for the year end 2010 (Document EA/GA(10)54).

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 11

The General Assembly approves the EA activity budget and fees schedule for 2011 (Documents EA/GA(10)55 and EA/EX(10)101).

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The General Assembly endorses the proposed EA terms and conditions for the administration of the Operating Grant (Document EA/EX(10)104).

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The General Assembly endorses the road map and update relating to enhancing the EA peer-evaluation system (Document EA/GA(10)45).

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The General Assembly approves the 2011 Work Programme of the Horizontal Harmonization Committee (Document EA/HHC(10)120).

EA Resolution 2010 (26) 15

The General Assembly resolves that EA-3/09 "Surveillance and Reassessment of Accredited Organisations - Revision 00 December 1999" is classified as a Members' Procedural document with an informative status while the EA-HHC considers the specific issues in surveillance and reassessment which may need guidance in the light of ISO/IEC 17011 and ILAC/IAF A5.

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The EA General Assembly resolves that ISO 14065 is identified as a new standard on level 3 of the EA MLA and that EA-HHC and the EA-MAC start work as necessary to include the new activity under level 2 and to prepare for the peer-evaluation process.

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The General Assembly approves the revised 2011 Work Programme of the Communications and Publications Committee (Document EA/GA(10)14_rev01).

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The General Assembly endorses a new work item to revise EA-3/01: *Conditions for Use of Accreditation Symbols and Reference to MLA Signatory Status* (Document EA/CPC(10)23).

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The General Assembly endorses a new work item to revise EA-2/05: *The Scope of Accreditation and Consideration of Methods and Criteria for the Assessment of the Scope in Testing* (Document EA/LC(10)31) based on the new ILAC G18 and taking into account EA-2/15.

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The General Assembly approves the revised 2011 Work Programme of the Certification Committee (Document EA/GA(10)32_rev01).

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The General Assembly endorses a new work item to prepare a guidance document on *Witnessing Practices for Management System Certification* (Document EA/CC(10)11).

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The General Assembly agrees the proposal for training and projects of the Certification Committee for 2011-2012 (Document EA/GA(10)37).

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The General Assembly notes ILAC Resolution GA 14.16 that resolves that the implementation period for the *ILAC Policy for Estimation of Uncertainty in Calibrations* (ILAC-P14: 11/2010) should be 12 months from the date of publication, i.e. November 2011.

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The General Assembly adopts the following IAF Resolutions:

IAF Resolution 2010–09 – IAF/ISO Joint Communiqué on Expected Outcomes for Accredited Certification to ISO 9001 and ISO 14001

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, requested that Accreditation Bodies translate the "expected outcomes" documents into their local language(s) (as used on their website and other promotional material) and make them available and that they

- promote the documents within their own organizations, with particular emphasis on their assessors,*
- communicate and promote to their accredited Certification Bodies the existence of these documents and the importance for auditors and other certification body personnel to understand their content, and*
- provide feedback in the assessment report on the knowledge and awareness of the content of these documents by certification bodies.*

The General Assembly further resolved to request all association members of IAF to communicate these documents to their members and other interested parties.

IAF Resolution 2010–10 – IAF/ISO Joint Communiqué on Certification to ISO 26000

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that there will not be any accredited certification to ISO 26000 (publication date 1 November 2010).

ISO 26000 explicitly states that it is not intended or appropriate for certification, and any certification would be a misuse of the standard. Therefore, Certification Bodies are strongly urged not to promote or provide certification to ISO 26000 and Accreditation Bodies and Certification Bodies are requested to report any misuse or need for certification, to the ISO Secretariat.

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The General Assembly notes IAF Resolution 2010–12 that resolves that the transition period for the implementation of the revision of ISO/IEC 17021 will be 24 months from the date of publication.

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The General Assembly notes the resolutions of the ILAC and IAF General Assemblies held in Shanghai, China in October 2010 that agree that the responsibility for the scope of inspection be transferred from a joint IAF/ILAC activity to ILAC alone. It was agreed that the Joint Inspection Group (JIG) be transferred into the ILAC structure including the possibility of participation for all current members of the JIG. A fee structure for inspection activities that is fair and responsible will be established, especially taking into account the needs of developing economies.

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The General Assembly agrees the following venues and dates for future meetings:

- 25-26 May 2011 in Berlin, Germany
- 23-24 November 2011 in Warsaw, Poland
- June 2013 in Paris, France

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The General Assembly expresses its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support services provided by ATCG for the 26th General Assembly on 24-25 November 2010.

End of resolutions proposed at the 26th EA General Assembly