List of Conclusions and Resolutions
agreed at the 30th Meeting of the EA Advisory Board
held on 18 April 2013

Agenda Item 3 - Key topics for discussion
Agenda Item 3.1 - Updating the EAAB’s expectations towards accreditation and EA

The Board:

- agrees to revise the Stakeholders’ Expectations from Accreditation document (EAAB02rev01) in order to update it in the light of the EC Regulation 765/2008;

- agrees that the revised document should contain a first section outlining the common expectations of the Board, followed by 3 separate sections showing the specific expectations of each college/stakeholder constituency;

- appoints Andy Evans (Industry College), Christian Priller (CAB College) and Muriel Freyssinet (NA College) to form a drafting group in charge of collecting and putting together all inputs from the colleges and members of their stakeholder constituencies with a view to coming up with a revised draft to be discussed at the next meeting in October 2013. Action TFG

Agenda Item 3.2 - EAAB’s strategic input in identifying areas to be focussed by EA in light of renewed FPA for 2014-2017

The Board:

- expresses its support to EA for the activities proposed for the future FPA and the adequate way in which they have been prioritized in document EAAB(13)12;

- encourages EA to address relevant policy developments in a broader context, and not just limit activities to support for regulatory conformity assessment, such as through technical consultancy of EC DGs. EA’s plan should embrace the wider context, and also contemplate areas where accreditation services may be required by non-regulatory schemes within a 4- to 5-years’ timeframe;

- welcomes the EA proposal to address the issue of how EA is to be further developed in a more professional organisation;

- calls upon EA and its members to promote the EU accreditation model also in ILAC and IAF;

- suggests that EA should try to establish closer relationships with notifying authorities at national level, either through the NABs or the EC and the IMP (former SOGs) in order to support greater efficiency and extended cooperation.
Agenda Item 4 - EAAB matters  
Agenda Item 4.1 - Operational issues

The Board:

- agrees that the Industry College launches a call for nominations to relevant European organisations representing also the interests of small and medium-sized enterprises in order to fill the vacancy following the cessation of activities of NORMAPME;

- decides that a list of Conclusions and Resolutions should be produced following each Board meeting and asks the EAAB Secretariat to prepare a relevant draft within 3 working days after the meetings;

- asks the EAAB Secretariat to draft and distribute a 6-8 page report on the Board’s discussions within 2 months after the meeting; in the absence of significant comments received by email, the report will be considered as approved;

- agrees that the final draft agenda and all documents for the meeting should be circulated by the EAAB Secretariat until one week in advance of the meeting at the latest. It is understood that flexibility must exist to allow for issues and papers of specific interest for the Board that come up at the last minute to be dealt with after the closing time;

- asks the EAAB Secretariat to update the EAAB ToR and RoP accordingly.  

**Action EAAB Secretariat**

Agenda Item 4.2 - Reports from the EAAB MAC and EAAB HHC observers

The Board thanks the EAAB HHC observer for his report and agrees that the Industry College will further examine the scale and importance of the issue of non-accredited services provided by accredited CABs within its scope of accreditation before bringing up the issue for further discussions within the Board, if necessary.  

**Action Industry College**

Agenda Item 4.3 - Report on the implementation of Regulation 765/2008: EC feedback to EAAB comments

The Board expresses its appreciation for the report and thanks the European Commission for taking on board the comments raised by EAAB members.

Agenda Item 4.4 - Reinforcing representation on the EAAB

The Board:

- agrees that the Chair should contact ANEC in order to, referring to the low level of participation over the past years, enquire in writing whether ANEC still has an interest in their EAAB membership. ANEC should be requested to confirm their willingness to attend the EAAB meetings in future and to contribute to the work of the Board;

- in view of the growing importance of conformity assessment in the field of environmental protection, agrees to extend its membership by one additional member to come from the European environmental organisations, who should represent the interests of environmentalists;
- asks the Chair to approach ECOS to enquire whether there is interest and availability of an expert of its constituency to participate in the work of the Board, referring to the membership criteria laid down in the Board’s Terms of Reference.

Agenda Item 4.5 - Lack of resources in small ABs: state of play

The Board thanks the NA College for their proposal to submit a discussion paper at one of the next EAAB meetings. Action NA College

Agenda Item 5 - EA matters

Agenda Item 5.1 - Relations with stakeholders - New applications for Recognised Stakeholder status

The Board recommends accepting EDQM, EFNDT and FAMI-QS as EA Recognised Stakeholders, acknowledging that the final decision will be made at the EA General Assembly meeting in May 2013.

Agenda Item 5.2 - New EA projects and work items

The Board:

- endorses the proposed new work items for revisions of EA-5/02 on vehicle inspection and EA-5/03 on crime scene investigation;

- endorses the proposed new work item for revision of EA-2/17, guidance for accreditation of conformity assessment bodies for notification purposes, welcoming that EA is involving stakeholders in the regular revision process. The Board also welcomes the EA HHC’s intention to include the revised EA-2/17 into a comprehensive package designed for accreditation for notification purposes, and looks forward to contributing to the work through the relevant EA processes and procedures.

Agenda Item 5.3 - Review of the EA policy for conformity assessment schemes (EA-1/22)

The Board:

- thanks EA for the information provided on this on-going revision project;

- expresses its support for the proposed “new approach” insofar as scheme assessment should be carried out by the local NAB concerned, but believes that EA should elaborate further on assessment guidance to the NABs, based on the criteria given in EA-1/22, especially with regard to the market relevance of schemes;

- has concerns over the proposed automatic acceptance of endorsed schemes across Europe, and asks that this point is reviewed by the EA HHC TFG in charge of developing the proposed new approach, in order to find a way to better ensure coherence of the system and to prevent the risk of proliferation of sector schemes with possibly contradicting requirements;

- asks EA to present a revised draft to be considered by the EAAB at its next meeting.
Agenda Item 5.4 - Establishment of European ABs competing with the NABs: formal opinion from the EC legal service

The Board:

- thanks the EC for taking the necessary steps to clarify the scope of application of Regulation 765/2008. It is understood that accreditation shall be performed by NABs only;

- thanks the EC for its readiness to send the Board, in the future, the IMP documents that are of interest to the Board for discussion at EAAB meetings. **Action EC**

Agenda Item 5.5 - Revision of IAF PL 5:2012 *Structure of the International Accreditation Forum Inc.*

The Board agrees to support the second part of the EA position that IAF should revise the terms of reference (ToR) of the new CABAC (Section 6.10.4 of IAF PL5), agreeing that the future committee shall not have the possibility to overrule or substitute the IAF Technical Committee, and recommending that the ToR of the proposed committee should be aligned with the ToR of the End User Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item 5.6 - Review of the role and reengineering of operations of EA HHC Directive Networks

The Board takes note of the proposed steps and asks EA to report on concrete progress at the next EAAB meeting. **Action EA**

Agenda Item 5.7 - Improvement of the EA procedure for submitting comments

The Board agrees on EA’s approach that “EAAB comments”, to be considered as such, shall be submitted on behalf of one of the Board colleges – i.e. comments raised by an individual member of the EAAB cannot be considered as “EAAB comments”.

Agenda Item 6 - Items for information

Agenda Item 6.4 - Revision of “Blue Guide”

The Board asks the EC to send the revised, second draft to EA for its publication on the EAAB intranet page. **Action EC**

Agenda Item 6.5 - Outcome of ballot on ILAC P10

The Board:

- acknowledges the CAB College’s concerns about calibration requirements which are now overlapping with requirements for testing in ILAC P10, and notes that CEOC will lodge a complaint with ILAC on account of ILAC P10;

- asks EA to take action to ensure a harmonised implementation of ILAC P10 within EA in an appropriate way.
Agenda Item 6.6 - EA / CEN/CENELEC TC1 correspondence on ILAC P13

The Board notes with appreciation that the EA Executive Committee will submit a resolution to the EA General Assembly in May 2013 clarifying that EA NABs do not and shall not provide PT services; non-provision of PT services will be introduced in the EA Criteria for Membership (EA-2/17 S1).

Agenda Item 7 - EAAB Work Programme

The Board asks the EAAB Secretariat to combine the two following topics, to be further considered by the NA College: “Adaptability of the rules and conditions relating to EA membership and EA MLA signatory status for smaller ABs” (EAAB M26) and “Lack of resources in small NABs” (EAAB M29).