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PREAMBLE

Measurement and testing are essential elements in the commercial and regulatory life of any society. All parties have an interest in having these functions carried out competently and using scientifically valid methods. Testing is recognised as an important element in acceptance of commodities and products and so the credibility of testing is an important element in the promotion of free international trade. Calibration of measuring and test equipment used in laboratories provides traceability of their results to units of the SI and thus establishes a basis for world wide comparability.

The independent third party assessment to international standards of the technical competence of laboratories by nationally recognised accreditation bodies has become an important means of establishing customer confidence in test reports and calibration certificates. Over the past twenty years the International Laboratory Accreditation Conference has played a key role in helping develop international accreditation standards and guides and in harmonising national approaches. It has also laid the foundation on which international mutual recognition agreements can be built.

Establishment of the World Trade Organisation and the requirements of its agreement of Technical Barriers to Trade Provisions are now pressing the world's conformity assessment practitioners to create an efficient, transparent, fair and harmonised means of international acceptance of traded goods. The laboratory accreditation community is one element and must now present itself as a coherent world activity ready to play its part and to cooperate with complementary international bodies in the scientific, quality, standards and commercial fields to deliver the system

needed to facilitate trade.

While the relatively informal linking of the international laboratory accreditation community in the biennial conferences has been adequate in the past, pace has quickened and laboratory accreditation must now be able to respond quickly in world fora with a coherent single voice and to be able to deliver assurances on compliance with standards on a world scale. In recognition of this, the laboratory accreditation community has resolved to co-operate in a more structured way and has created the International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation and developed this Memorandum of Understanding to give formal manifestation of this commitment.

Following up of the practice in most developed laboratory accreditation bodies ILAC will also coordinate the accreditation practices for inspection bodies.

1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF ILAC

1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is an expression of interest by signatories to work together in their mutual interest. They undertake through their participation in ILAC to use their best endeavours to enable the co-operation to pursue the following aims:

- 1.1.1 to harmonise the operating procedures of participating accreditation bodies;
- 1.1.2 to promote the use of accreditation of laboratories;
- 1.1.3 to open and maintain channels for the flow of information and knowledge;
- 1.1.4 to help develop and promote the use of international standards and guides;
- 1.1.5 to encourage the development of regional co-operations and to work towards the avoidance of unnecessary duplication of work between them;
- 1.1.6 to promote the advancement and acceptance of mutual recognition agreements;
- 1.1.7 to help all interested accreditation bodies to develop their systems;

1.1.8 to co-operate with other national, regional and international bodies with similar complementary objectives.

1.2 Through the pursuit of these aims ILAC aspires to achieve the following objectives:

1.2.1 the provision of a world forum for information exchange and harmonisation of procedures;

1.2.2 the establishment of mutual confidence between regional organisations and between participating accreditation bodies;

1.2.3 the provision of a unified and coherent voice on accreditation of laboratories in world fora;

1.2.4 the achievement of a world wide network of mutual recognition agreements which:

- recognises the international equivalence of reports and certificates of accredited laboratories;
- enhances the authority of reports and certificates of accredited laboratories;
- facilitates mutual acceptance of reports and certificates by the WTO members in accordance with the provisions of the WTO/TBT agreement.

2.TASKS

The tasks which ILAC will have to undertake to achieve these aims and objectives include the:

2.1 developing of harmonised application and guidance documents on accreditation of laboratories;

2.2 publishing of papers, guidelines and reports;

2.3 providing of mutual assistance through exchange of information and experts in such fields as assessor training, proficiency testing, comparisons, etc.;

2.4 encouraging of and oversight of inter-regional laboratory intercomparisons to promote equivalence of world wide practice;

2.5 developing and refining of procedures for the evaluation and surveillance of organisations participating in mutual recognition agreements;

2.6 encouraging of members to:

- exchange information;
- participate in interlaboratory comparisons;
- harmonise procedures;
- co-operate on training assessors;
- participate in regional activities;

2.7 organising of expert meetings;

2.8 developing of an ILAC position on world conformity assessment and testing issues;

2.9 liaising with other relevant world organisations such as CI-TAC, BIPM, ISO, IEC, OECD, OIML, UILI and the WTO;

2.10 disseminating of information on ILAC to parties with an interest;

2.11 identifying to ISO, IEC of any perceived need for standards and guides relating to laboratory accreditation and to participate in the development of such standards and guides;

2.12 other tasks as will be decided by ILAC's General Assembly.

3.CONSTITUTZON

3.1 Membership

ILAC will consist of two classes of membership:

3.1.1 Full Members

Full members are bodies (recognised in their economy as) offering a multi-disciplinary laboratory accreditation service conforming to the requirements of the relevant ISO/IEC Guides. The presumption is that there will be one such body per economy. In the event of there being more than one such eligible body in a single economy, a prior condition of membership of bodies in that economy will be selection by these bodies of a single representative who will act as the spokesman for that economy and exercise the vote of that economy in General Assembly.

3.1.2 Associate Members

Organisations or economies which are in the process of developing an eligible accreditation system but have not yet

accreditation experience, or representatives of economies which have in mind to set up such a system are eligible to join ILAC as associate members. The condition applying to multiple membership from a single economy also applies to associate membership.

3.2 The ILAC General Assembly is the highest decision making body and consists of one Delegate nominated by each full and associate member. It will meet annually. Voting, when required in General Assembly, will be conducted on the basis of one vote per economy represented. International organisations with interests related or complementary to laboratory accreditation will be invited by the Chairman to participate in General Assemblies as observers, and include ISO, IEC, W-T-O, BIPM, OIML, IAF, OECD and representation of world consumer interests.

3.3 The ILAC General Assmably will elect from its Delegates a Chairman for a period of two years and also a Vice-Chairman. The election of the Vice-Chairman will be on the presumption that he or she will also be Chairman-elect. Any Member whose Delegate is elected as Chairman may appoint another individual as its delegate to exercise that members' voting right.

3.4 The ILAC General Assembly will appoint an Executive Committee to conduct the business of ILAC between General Assemblies. The Executive Committee will be constituted of:

- The Chairman;
- Vice-Chairman;
- Chairmen of ILAC Committees;
- representatives of each formally constituted regional accreditation co-operation;
- 2 members representing unaffiliated countries (not belonging to regional co-operations);
- the Secretary.

3.5 To provide continuity, the immediate past Chairman will retain his membership of the ILAC Executive Committee for a period of one year after the end of his period in office.

3.6 The Executive Committee will be responsible for maintaining ILAC's external relations.

3.7 Decisions in the Executive Committee will be reached by consensus.

3.8 The ILAC General Assembly will establish committees as required to conduct ILAC business effectively. One essential committee will be a Laboratory Liaison Committee.

4. MULTILATERAL MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENTS

ILAC will foster the environment within which mutual recognition agreements between regional co-operations and between regions and countries can take place. It will be the guardian and arbiter of mutually agreed evaluation procedures and have the responsibility for ensuring that compliance with standards is maintained by arranging that adequate external observation of evaluation and surveillance takes place.

5. SECRETARIAT

The General Assembly will appoint a permanent secretariat to be funded through membership fee.

6. RELATIONSHIP WITH STAKEHOLDERS

ILAC will maintain a relationship with each of its stakeholder groups through on-going dialogue, observership at General Assemblies and periodically by sponsoring international conferences open to all interested parties.

7. FEES

The costs of ILAC conferences and General Assemblies will be covered by registration fee. On the basis of a budget presented to and approved by the General Assembly the cost of the Secretariat will be met through a fee levied on each participating economy linked to the economic strength of the economy. Associate Member economies will pay one half of the full membership fee.

8. PERIOD OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

8.1 This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon the signature of eligible members from at least ten economies reflecting a balanced world regional representation. It will thereafter remain open to further participation from w-

ithin the eligible membership as defined in Section 3.1.

8.2 This Memorandum of Understanding will continue until its termination is proposed to the ILAC General Assembly by at least one-third of the full membership of ILAC. To be carried, a proposition to terminate the ILAC Memorandum of Understanding requires a three-fourths majority of votes in the General Assembly.

8.3 This Memorandum of Understanding may be otherwise amended by a resolution of the General Assembly supported by a three-fourths majority of votes.

8.4 In the next two years the Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed by the General Assembly and if necessary be adapted.

FULL MEMBER

SIGNATORIES

We, the undersigned, being authorised by our governments of being representatives of National or Regional Third-Party accreditation bodies as designated by their governments, endorse the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and undertake to use our best endeavours to fulfill its objectives.

In ILAC economies with several accreditation bodies being eligible to become full ILAC members, we also undertake responsibility for the co-ordination of ILAC activities within our economies.

ARGENTINA

Organisation:	Argentine Accreditation Body
Authorised representative:	Ing. Beatriz Garcia
Signature: [signed]	Date: 13 September 1996

AUSTRALIA

Organisation:	National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia
Authorised representative:	John A Gilmour

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Date: 13 September 1996

BRAZIL

Organisation: National Institute for Metrology
Standardization and
Industrial Quality-INMETRO

Authorised representative: Wilson Barbosa de Oliveira

Signature:[signed]

Date: 13 September 1996

CANADA

Organisation: Standards Council of Canada

Authorised representative: Peter Holden

Signature:[signed]

Date: 13 September 1996

PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Organisation: China National Accreditation
Committee of
Laboratories(CNACL)

Authorised representative: WangYiming

Signature:[signed]

Date: 13 September1996

CYPRUS

Organisation: CYS

Authorised representative: Dr. K. Tsimillis

Signature:[signed]

Date: 13September1996

CZECH REPUBLIC

Organisation: Czech Accreditation Institute

Authorised representative: Ing Jiri Ruzicka

Signature:[signed]

Date: 13September1996

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Organisation: State Administration for
Import & Export Commodity
Inspection of the People's

Republic of China

Authorised representative: Tian Runzhi

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

FINLAND
Organisation: Mittatekniikan keskus (Centre
for Metrology and
Accreditation)

Authorised representative: Ulla Lhteenmaki

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

FRANCE

Organisation: COFRAC

Authorised representative: Daniel Pierre

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

GERMANY

Organisation: Deutscher AkkreditierungsRat (
DAR)

Authorised representative: Prof. Dr. H-U Mittmann

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

GUATEMALA

Organisation: Comision Guatemalteca de Normas
(COGUANOR)

Authorised representative: Lic Ana Patricia de Pontaza

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

HONGKONG

Organisation: Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (HOKLAS)

Authorised representative: Dr. L. H. Ng

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

INDONESIA

Organisation: Komite Akreditasi Nasional - KAN



(Accreditation Body of Indonesia
)

Authorised representative: Bambang H. Hadiwiardjo

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

IRELAND

Organisation: The National Accreditation Board

Authorised representative: Dr. F.T. Smyth

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

ISRAEL

Organisation: ISRAC- Israel Laboratory
Accreditation

Authorised representative: Nahum Granot

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

ITALY

Organisation: Sistema Nazionale di Accreditamento Laboratori (SINAL)

Authorised representative: Sergio Allulli

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

ITALY

Organisation: Servizio di Taratura in Italia (

Authorised representative: SIT) Paolo Soardo

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JAPAN

Organisation: Agency of Industrial Science and

Authorised representative: Technology (AIST) Keikou Terui

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

JAPAN

Organisation: The Japan Accreditation Board for
Conformity Assessment

Authorised representative: Dr. Takashi Ohtsubo

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

JAPAN

Organisation: Japan Calibration Service System

Authorised representative: Tsutomu Tosaka

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

KOREA

Organisation: Korea Laboratory Accreditation
Scheme (KOLAS)

Authorised representative: Seung-Bae Lee

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

MEXICO

Organisation: SINALP - Sistema Nacional de Ac-
reditamiento de Laboratories de
Pruebas

Authorised representative: Dr Fernando Hernandez Lezama

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

NETHERLANDS

Organisation: Raad voor Accreditatie (RVA)

Authorised representative: Dr J G Leferink

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

NEW ZEALAND

Organisation: Testing Laboratory Registration
Council of New Zealand

Authorised representative: Dr. J. H. Garside

Signature: [signed] Date: 13 September 1996

NORWAY

Organisation: Norwegian Accreditation
Authorised representative: Helge Kildal
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PHILPPINES

Organisation: Bureau of Product Standards Laboratory Accreditation
Scheme (BPSLAS)
Authorised representative: Joselito C. Soler
Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

POLAND

Organisation: Polish Centre for Testing and Certification Accreditation Office
Authorised representative: Stanislaw Walenta
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ROMANIA

Organisation: Romanian Testing Laboratories Network (RELAR)
Authorised representative: Prof. Dr. Eng Ion Hohan
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SINGAPORE

Organisation: Singapore Laboratory Accreditation Scheme
Authorised representative: Dr. Jimmy Chen Wie Jing
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SLOVAKIA

Organisation: Slovak National Accreditation System (SNAS)
Authorised representative: Dr. Lubomir Sutek



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Date: 13 September 1996

SOUTH AFRICA

Organisation: South African National Laboratory Accreditation Service

Authorised representative: Michael A. Feet

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SPAIN

Organisation: Entidad Nacional de Acreditacion

Authorised representative: Antonio Muioz Muioz

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SWEDEN

Organisation: Swedish Board for Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (SWE-DAC)

Authorised representative: Lars Ettarp

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SWITZERLAND

Organisation: Swiss Accreditation Service (S-AS)

Authorised representative: Hanspeter Ischi

Signature:[signed] Date: 13 September 1996

CHINESE TAIPEI

Organisation: Chinese National Laboratory Accreditation (CNLA)

Authorised representative: Tsai-Hui-Yan signing for Tso-C-hen Chen

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THAILAND

Organisation: Thai Industrial Standards Inst-

itute

Authorised representative: Ratanaporn Chuengsanguan sit

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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Organisation: Trindad and Tobago Laboratory
Accreditation Syetem

Authorised representative: James Morris

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TURKEY

Organisation: National Council for Quality a-
nd Accreditation (NCQA)

Authorised representative: Pelin Unlu signing for Mehmet
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Organisation: Americah Association for Labor-
atory Accreditation
(AALA)

Authorised representative: Peter S. Unger

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Organisation: NVLAP

Authorised representative: James L. Cigler

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VIETNAM

Organisation: Directorate for Standards and
Quality (STAMEQ)

Authorised representative: Nguyen Hun Thien Siboning for
Huynh Van Quang

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ILAC Chairman 1996

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Date: 13 September 1996

ILAC Chairman 1998

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