

## **List of Conclusions and Resolutions**

**agreed at the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EA Advisory Board held on 21 October 2015**

### **Agenda Item 1 - Renewal of the EAAB Membership: nomination results and election of Chair and Vice-Chairs; appointment of EAAB observers to MAC/HHC**

For its next 3-year term starting at this meeting, the Board:

- acknowledges the appointment of Christian Priller, Martin Stadler and Michael Nitsche as the chairs of the CAB, Industry and NA Colleges, respectively;
- agrees upon the re-election of Michael Nitsche as the EAAB Chair, Christian Priller and Martin Stadler being then the two EAAB Vice-Chairs;
- agrees upon the appointment of Maureen Maria Logghe (NA College) and Andrew Evans (Industry College) as the EAAB observers in EA MAC and HHC meetings, respectively.

### **Agenda Item 2 - Approval of agenda; Approved Minutes of 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EA Advisory Board**

The Board:

- asks that every agenda item meant for discussion is supported by relevant background documents, in order for EAAB Members to better prepare themselves and make active input into the discussions;
- takes note that some EAAB Members, especially the new ones, appreciate having detailed minutes which they consider to be a precious feedback on the Board's meetings and, as a result, agrees that the minutes should remain with the same level of details as they are now.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Key topic for discussion**

#### **Agenda Item 3.1 - Review of role of EAAB and interaction with EA (updating draft of EAAB document *Role of the EAAB and Interaction with EA*)**

The Board:

- confirms that the draft document should partly be rewritten to reflect better its purpose as a kind of management review;
- agrees that each College should send, by end of November 2015, written comments and proposals for improvement in a tracked-change version to the EAAB Secretariat, which should produce a consolidated final version for further discussion and adoption at the next EAAB meeting. **Action EAAB Colleges/Vice-Chairs, Secretariat**

## Agenda Item 4 - EAAB matters

### Agenda Item 4.3 - Transition process for ISO 9001:2015: update from EA

The Board:

- thanks EA for having kept EAAB Members informed of EA's position on the issue by circulating the EACC Vice-Chair's mails after the last EAAB meeting;
- takes note of the Joint ISO/IAF Communiqué setting out that the transition of certified organisations to ISO 9001:2015 must be complete by 15 September 2018, and considers that the issue is now solved.

### Agenda Item 4.4 - Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement – Comments on the CD of JCGM 100

The Board takes note of the CAB College's intention to follow the recommendation made in document EAAB(15)08 and to reject the proposed guide, considering that there is no need for an additional guidance document.

## Agenda Item 5 - EA matters

### Agenda Item 5.2 - New EA projects and work items

The Board:

- thanks EA for the documents outlining the EA Strategy 2025 project, taking note of the plan to send a questionnaire to the EAAB to feed the discussions of the project team, and to organise a specific session with stakeholders in conjunction with the Board's next meeting;
- endorses the proposed new work item for revision of EA-1/22: *EA Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes by EA Accreditation Body Members*;
- endorses the proposed new work item for revision of the *EA Articles of Association*;
- endorses the proposed new work item for developing guidance on the choice of ISO/IEC 17021 or 17065. The Board, however, wonders about the relevance of the intended document and decides to wait for the first draft to judge further on the possible use of such guidance;
- endorses the proposed new work item for revision of EA-7/04: *Legal Compliance as part of Accredited ISO 14001: 2004 Certification*.

### Agenda Item 5.3 - Update on the “Accreditation for Notification” project; Application of ISO/IEC 17065 for schemes

The Board:

- thanks EA for updating EAAB Members on the project nearing completion, acknowledging the EA position to provide for the possibility to use ISO/IEC 17065 also in support of notified bodies that carry out conformity assessment tasks under the quality assurance modules (D, D1, E, E1 and H1), and to introduce this possibility in the *Blue Guide* table (annex 6);
- notes that it is up to EA members to decide how to use the project's results, as will be considered further at the EA General Assembly in November 2015.

**Agenda Item 5.5 - Development in Hungary: close down of NAT end of 2015 and opening of a new NAB from 1 January 2016; impact for CABs until the new NAB becomes signatory to the EA MLA**

The Board:

- takes note that, through a Hungarian act, NAT, the Hungarian NAB, will cease to exist at the end of the year and that, from 1 January 2016, reports and certificates issued by NAT will no longer be covered by the EA MLA;
- agrees to wait and see how the Hungarian situation will be evolving, notably with regard to recognition of NAT-accredited CABs and new accreditation of Hungarian CABs.

**Agenda Item 5.7 - ABs from countries of the EA Neighbourhood Policy: update**

The Board notes that EA-1/13: *EA's Relationship with Accreditation Bodies of Countries Not Being Members of the EU or EFTA* is being revised in order to include a two-step process for countries in the EU's Neighbourhood Policy to sign "cooperation agreements" with EA provided that their accreditation system demonstrates that: 1) the requirements set out in Regulation (EC) 765/2008 are fully complied with; and 2) they are competent to accredit their CABs.

**Agenda Item 5.8 - CETA – Protocol about mutual acceptance of the results of conformity assessment**

The Board notes that EA is elaborating a bilateral cooperation agreement (BCA) between the European and Canadian accreditation systems, to be finalized by mid-2016 within the framework of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) protocol negotiated between the EU and Canada.

**Agenda Item 5.9 - Delegated Act under Regulation (EU) 2015/757 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from maritime transport**

The Board thanks EA for reporting that EC DG CLIMA is preparing a Delegated Act to define, by mid-2016, the accreditation procedure for verifiers of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from maritime transport, who should be accredited by end of August 2017.

**Agenda Item 5.10 - Update on Breast Cancer Services (BCS) project**

The Board:

- thanks EA for updating on the progress of the BCS project, whose expected duration has been extended until late 2017 due to the fact that the project was on hold during the last 10 months;
- notes that BCS will have to be certified by CBs, for which a specific accreditation procedure is being defined in cooperation with EA. Medical examinations will be covered under ISO 15189.

**Agenda Item 6 - Items for information**

The Board thanks EA for the written reports provided under this item.

**Agenda Item 7 - EAAB Work Programme**

The Board:

- agrees that, from now onwards, the EAAB Work Programme should be included under the “Key Topics for discussion” item;
- agrees to include a new work item as a possible key topic regarding “*Consistency and harmonisation among ABs*”  
**Action EAAB Secretariat for WP; CAB College for drafting a paper**
- takes note that Pierre de Ruvo (CAB College) will submit a paper deemed to improve the consistency of the Board’s discussions by the first quarter of 2016 for circulation to all EAAB Members;  
**Action P. de Ruvo, EAAB Secretariat**
- asks the EAAB Secretariat to reclassify the topic “*Role of the EAAB; EAAB's expectations towards accreditation and EA*” as “CLOSED”, and to check whether the recently-revised document entitled *EA Stakeholders’ Expectations towards Accreditation and EA* is available on the EA website.  
**Action EAAB Secretariat**  
[Post-meeting note by EAAB Secretariat: the document as approved at the 32<sup>nd</sup> EAAB Meeting on 3 April 2014 has been published on the EA webpage: <http://www.european-accreditation.org/structure#4>]

**Agenda Item 9 - Selection of dates and places of next meetings**

The Board postpones the date of the next meeting to **Friday 29 April 2016 (meeting starting at 9.00 a.m)**, and agrees to meet on **Wednesday 12 October 2016** at 10 a.m.

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