

## **List of Conclusions and Resolutions**

**agreed at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the EA Advisory Board  
held physically on 8 November 2024 in Brussels, Belgium**

### **Agenda Item 1 - Renewal of the Board: nomination results and election of EAAB Chair Appointment of EAAB observers to MAC & HHC**

The Board:

- takes note that Alexander Šafařík-Pštrosz (EUROLAB), Andrew Evans (CAPIEL) and Ariane Van Cutsem (NA Belgium) have been elected within their respective college as the chairs of, respectively, the EAAB Conformity Assessment Bodies' (CAB) College, Industry, Services and Trade College, and National Authorities' (NA) College;
- elects Andrew Evans as the Chair of the EAAB, and Alexander Šafařík-Pštrosz and Ariane Van Cutsem as the Vice-Chairs of the EAAB;
- reappoints Sezen Leventoglu (NA Türkiye) as the EAAB MAC Observer and appoints Anne-Fré Vollema (TIC Council) as the EAAB HHC observer.

***Action EAAB Secretariat to revise the EAAB Members as listed in EA-INF/02: Contact Persons of EA Full and Associate Members, Recognized Stakeholders and Observers in the light of the EAAB Membership List.***

### **Agenda Item 3 - Topics for discussion**

#### **Agenda Item 3.1 - Challenges for the conformity assessment infrastructure: new regulations for new technologies' implementation (Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Sustainability): update**

The Board:

- takes note of EA's constant work and efforts undertaken to cope with the challenges posed by those regulations addressing new technologies and sustainability;
- reiterates its concerns over the lack of resources in conformity assessment and accreditation bodies, faced with a lack of harmonised technical standards and specifications, as well as the concerns raised in the marketplace about the risk of uneven levels of competence of notified bodies following from varying practices of notification applied by the competent Member States' notifying authorities, and resulting in a lack of equivalence of conformity assessment, in particular under regulations addressing new technologies;
- encourages EA to continue the ongoing dialogue with the various services of the European Commission and regulators to establish harmonised conditions for the implementation of the new regulations, and encourages EA to invite its member NABs to also approach and work with their respective National Authorities towards this objective;
- acknowledges that the NA College calls for a better information of the National Authorities and asks EA to promote the document EA-INF/07: *National Accreditation Body Communication with National Regulators – Best Practice Guide*, and acknowledges that the issue should be addressed in the EAAB Chair's report to the next EA General Assembly; **Action EAAB Chair**

- takes note of the CAB College's view that Agenda Items 3.1, 3.2 (EA-2/17) and 4.6 (evaluation of the NLF) are interconnected and should be considered to find some way to progress with them and to solve them.

### **Agenda Item 3.2 - Accreditation for notification: forthcoming revision of EA-2/17**

The Board:

- takes note that revision of EA-2/17, considered as a huge project by EA and which is still in the preparatory phase, aims notably to include the new Construction Products Regulation (CPR) and sustainability issues into the revised document, whose first draft is expected by the end of first quarter of 2025;
- acknowledges that the CAB and Industry Colleges raise doubts about the timeliness and necessity of revising EA-2/17, taking into account the current need for stability and the coming revision of the New Legislative Framework (NLF);
- acknowledges that the NA College supports EA's immediate action on EA-2/17, with more involvement of National Authorities.

### **Agenda Item 3.3 - Accreditation policy developments: overview of EC communication channels**

The Board would still appreciate receiving from the EC a short comprehensive report specific for the EAAB on the developments and objectives in the area of conformity assessment and accreditation policy.

## **Agenda Item 4 - Topics for information**

### **EAAB Matters**

#### **Agenda Item 4.1 - Approval of updated EAAB Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure**

The Board:

- approves the EAAB Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure as updated for the meeting subject to minor editorial amendments;
- asks the Chair and Vice-Chairs to check that everything is fine before both documents are published. **Action EAAB Secretariat/Chair/Vice-Chairs**

#### **Agenda Item 4.2 - Report from the EAAB MAC Observer: 23 October 2024 meeting Report from the EAAB HHC Observer: 11-12 September 2024 meeting**

The Board:

- takes note of the information contained in the EAAB MAC Observer's report published as EAAB(24)13, thanks the observer for her comprehensive report;
- takes note of the information contained in the EAAB HHC Observer's report published as EAAB(24)16, and thanks the observer for his comprehensive report.

## Agenda Item 4.5 - IAF CertSearch database: update on implementation

The Board:

- notes that the requests for granting exceptions from the application of IAF Mandatory Document MD 28 submitted by some EA NABs, for reasons related to their legal status as bodies exercising public authority powers, have been rejected by the IAF Database Management Committee;
- welcomes that IAF, open to answering questions and further explaining, proposes the EAAB, especially the CAB College, to meet with the IAF Database Management Committee by the end of the year;
- agrees to keep the IAF CertSearch database issue on the EAAB agendas in order to follow up on the concerns about the implementation of IAF Mandatory Document MD 28 and the further developments on the database.

## EC Matters

### Agenda Item 4.6 - Report from the EC

The Board:

- takes note and is disappointed that the EC is unable to provide the EAAB with an overarching report giving a full overview of the relevant EC activities, sharing of best practice between DG's and policy;
- asks for at least an overall overview of what is going on in the EC regarding the NLF at the next meeting; **Action EC**
- would appreciate a contribution of the EC as other stakeholders to better know their statements to many of the topics at the next meeting. **Action EAAB Colleges and Members**

## EA Matters

### Agenda Item 4.8 - Endorsement of EA new work items

The Board endorses the new work items proposed for:

- the elaboration of EA-2/02 *S6 Guidance on File Review during a Peer-Evaluation Process* according to the rationale set out in Document EAAB(24)14;
- the revision of EA-4/22 *EA Guidance on Accreditation of Pesticide Residues Analysis in Food and Feed* according to the rationale set out in Document EAAB(24)15.

## Agenda Item 6 - Selection of date and place of next meeting

The Board agrees to hold the next meeting on **Monday 12 May 2025** in an hybrid form (with preferably physical attendance) and thanks EFTA for offering to host the meeting at the EFTA House in Brussels.

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