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List of Conclusions and Resolutions agreed at the 55th Meeting of the EA Advisory Board held remotely on 12 May 2026.

Agenda Item 3 - Key topics for discussion

Agenda Item 3.1 - New and revised EC legislation for new technologies' implementation: update

The Board:

- takes note of EA's still constant work and efforts achieved to cope with the challenges posed by the implementation of all the regulations addressing new technologies and sustainability, and to support the harmonisation of practices for the implementation of these pieces of regulation, especially in the absence of harmonised standards, by collecting available information and good practice to provide some guidance in order to mitigate the situation;

- acknowledges that the CAB College still deplores the lack of harmonised standards, and asks the EC for a real improvement of the situation in the different, not only new, sectors, and for an acceleration of the publication of available standards;

- takes note of IIOA's project proposals "*Artificial Intelligence Auditor Competence Document (for all Conformity Assessment schemes)*" and "*Establish a formal Global document on the competence for an Auditors' team specific to ISO/IEC 42001*" submitted to GLOBAL ACI TC3 as referenced in Documents EAAB(26)05 and EAAB(26)06; calls for comments to be put forward to Marcus Long (IIOA); asks for confirmation that projects are focussing on management system certification and not tacking product certification and artificial intelligence so far; and agrees to include these project proposals as a key topic for discussion into the agenda of the next meeting.
  Action EAAB Members / Pedro Calves (IQNET) / EAAB Chair/Secretariat

Agenda Item 3.2.1 - Revision of EA-2/17: update, incl. clear timetable

The Board:

- takes note that the draft revised EA-2/17 had been distributed for a second round of comments dedicated to § 7 about subcontracting and Supplement 3 about specific aspects of CPR, which are now considered by the *ad hoc* TFG, and the final revised document is expected to be balloted in EA before the summer 2026;

- acknowledges that a transition period, possibly of one year, will be needed for implementation purposes.

Agenda Item 3.2.2 - Definition of the expression of accreditation scope: open concerns for actual EU legislation, decision EA GA for new EU legislations

The Board:

- is recalled that new Supplement 2 of revised EA-2/17 sets out how to express accreditation scopes for different legislations and modules, and informed that EA technical committees have also been requested to consider the issue;

- acknowledges that a list of 15-18 legislations for which the accreditation scope is required is under preparation, and will be made available to the EAAB as soon as approved by the EA General Assembly. ***Action EA***

Reminder: the EAAB decided in November 2025 to table the issue as a stable agenda item for the next EAAB meetings. ***Action EAAB Chair/Secretariat for the next agendas***

Agenda Item 3.3 - Revision of the NLF and its impact on accreditation: update

The Board decided to postpone discussion on this agenda item until the revised NLF, as part of the European Product Act, is published later in 2026. The agenda item will remain on the agenda of the next meeting and EAAB Colleges and Members will follow the development and, if necessary, communicate any opinion, comments, proposals in the meantime by e-mail.
Action EAAB Members in the meantime, EAAB Chair/Secretariat for the next agenda

Agenda Item 3.4 - Harmonisation of the approach of the NABs (e.g. in performing audits, competences and number of assessors)

The Board:

- acknowledges that EA still agrees that harmonisation is a crucial issue which has been included into *EA Strategy 2030*, whose implementation plan should be approved at the forthcoming General Assembly and, if so, started in the 3rd quarter of 2026;

- acknowledges that EUROLAB is considering the replies to a questionnaire which has been sent to its national members about their national accreditation system, and that the outcome thereof, which can be helpful for harmonisation purposes, will be very interesting for the EAAB and EA.
  Action EUROLAB to decide how to distribute the questionnaire's outcome

Agenda Item 4 - EAAB Matters

Agenda Item 4.1 - Report on HHC meeting on 4-5 March 2026

The Board:

- takes note of the information contained in the EAAB HHC Observer's report (Document EAAB(26)07), and thanks the observer for her report;

- acknowledges that Anne-Fré Vollema from TIC Council will attend her last HHC meeting in September 2026, and should be replaced both in the HHC and EAAB membership next year.
  Action EAAB Chair/Secretariat to include the nomination of a new HHC observer in the next agenda

Agenda Item 4.2 - Report on MAC meeting on 6-7 May 2026

The Board takes note of the information contained in the EAAB MAC Observer's report (Document EAAB(26)08), and thanks the observer for her report.

Agenda Item 4.3 - Current revision of EA-1/22:

- **Outcome of call for comments by 27 February 2026**
- **Publicly available information on accreditability of schemes: update**

The Board:

- takes note that all comments received on revised EA-1/22 by last February are being considered and reviewed by the *ad hoc* HHC TFG, which should achieve a final draft to be balloted in EA afterwards;

- decides to keep the issue on the agenda of the next meeting.
  Action EAAB Chair/Secretariat for the next agenda

Agenda Item 5 - EC Matters for information

Agenda Item 5.1.1 - Conclusion from any EU coordination meetings regarding accreditation and conformity assessment matters (experts' group)

The Board:

- thanks the EC very much for the clear and exhaustive updates on the European Product Act (EPA) and revisions of the New Legislative Framework (NLF) and the EU Market Surveillance Regulation (MSR), and asks the EC to provide the EAAB with both presentations for their publication as enclosures to the minutes of the meeting; ***Action EC - Done / EAAB Secretariat***

- acknowledges that the CAB College will continue to do its very best to support the EC in the MSR revision;

- takes note that the agenda of the next IMP-ACCA meeting to be held on 23 June 2026 will mostly focus on the revisions of the NLF and MSR.
  Action EC to send the invitation to EAAB NA College – Done
  Action EAAB NA College Chair to send an EAAB report to the IMP-ACCA

Agenda Item 5.1.2 - Evaluation and revision of the NLF: results, next steps, what about a "NLF 2.0" (e.g. digital labelling, instructions, new economic operators, European Product Act)

The Board:

- thanks the EC very much for the clear and exhaustive update on the main findings of the evaluation of the NLF performed in 2022 and the objectives of the NLF revision, and asks the EC to provide the EAAB with the presentation for its publication as an enclosure to the minutes of the meeting;
  Action EC - Done / EAAB Secretariat

Agenda Item 5.2.1 - ISO concerns about the copyright infringement and diversifying sources of income, and series of ISO initiatives

The Board:

- thanks ISO very much for the presentation about the new ISO licensing provisions, and asks Cristina Draghici and Marco Verdoia from ISO to provide the EAAB with the presentation for its publication as an enclosure to the minutes of the meeting;
  Action ISO / EAAB Secretariat

- acknowledges that, whereas ISO logo is strongly valuable and widely recognised, its enforcement is weak and its misuse creates confusion and reputational risk for ISO and stakeholders, but at the same time, asserts that assessment remains clearly done against standards, not logos;

- takes note that ISO standards will be distributed under licenses on 1 June 2026 with a transition period until end of September 2026 in order for members to get more flexibility and adjust licenses;

- agrees to consider later on whether to include again the issue on the agenda of the next meeting. ***Action EAAB Chair/Secretariat to remain in contact with ISO until next meeting***

Agenda Item 6 - EA Matters for information

Agenda Item 6.1 - EA New work items (NWIs) emerging from EA spring meetings

The Board endorses the new work item proposed for the revision of EA-4/18 *Guidance on the Level and Frequency of Proficiency Testing Participation* according to the rationale set out in Document EAAB(26)01.

Agenda Item 6.4 - Report on complaints and appeals against EA or NABs Involvement of the EAAB Current revision of EA-1/17 S3: call for comments by 20 April 2026

The Board:

- takes note that all comments received on revised EA-1/17 S3 by last month, including those from the EAAB NA College, are being considered and reviewed by the Executive Board, which should achieve a final draft to be balloted in EA afterwards;

- acknowledges that the CAB and NA Colleges deplore not being informed of the content of the complaints received by EA, which could be very helpful for implementing the harmonisation process;

- acknowledges that EA agrees to consider how to receive feedback from stakeholders on complaints and appeals in order to improve harmonisation activities;

- would welcome being provided with some basic information on complaints and appeals in order to make any feedback from the EAAB possible, and agrees to table the issue at the meeting in November 2026. ***Action EA to update the point at the next meeting***

Agenda Item 6.5 - Relations with stakeholders

The Board takes note that the Recognised Stakeholder agreements of:
- ETICS (European Testing Inspection Certification Systems) has been renewed;
- ASI (Assurance Services International GmbH) has been approved further to the EAAB consultation, and based on the fact that ASI does not act as an accreditation body in Europe where it only cooperates with NABs.

Agenda Item 6.6.2 - International trade agreements:

- **CETA – Implementation of the Bilateral Cooperation Agreement with Canada/SCC**

The Board:

- takes note that EA is facing with how to make the recognition under the CETA agreement simpler for the Canadian market divided in many territories and provinces;

- acknowledges that Michael Ottmann from the German National Authority ZLS offers to support EA with organising some workshop to improve the implementation of requirements of safety regulations (e.g. AtEx) in future third countries (analogous to CETA/Canada) in terms of accreditation/notification;

- would welcome the improvement of the implementations of the CETA agreement by EA, as well as of MRA agreements by the EC, from the point of view of the use of accreditation;

- decides to enlarge Agenda Item 6.6.2 to two additional bullet points dedicated to “MRAs” and “Others”. ***Action EAAB Chair/Secretariat***

Agenda Item 6.6.3 - IAF CertSearch database: concerns about implementation by EA members, update

The Board decides to keep the topic of the CertSearch database, for which no further development is expected, on the agenda until the meeting in November 2026.
Action EAAB Chair/Secretariat for the next agenda

Agenda Item 8 - Selection of date and place of next meeting

The Board agrees to hold the next meeting on **Monday 9 November 2026** from 10 am to 4 pm (CET) in a strict remote manner.

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