Adopoted Reolutions of the 7th ARAC General Assembly

Tunis, Tunisia

12th September 2019

ARAC Resolution 2019/01

The General Assembly approved the Agenda - The General Assembly adopted the draft Agenda- Rev 04

ARAC Resolution 2019/02

The General Assembly welcomes the decision of the ARAC MLA Group regarding the maintaining of ARAC MLA Signatory status of the Jordan Accreditation & Standardization Systems - Accreditation Unit [JAS-AU] in the following scopes:

- *Accreditation of Testing Laboratories [ISO/IEC 17025]*
- *Accreditation of Medical Testing Laboratories [ISO 15189]*
- *Accreditation of Calibration Laboratories [ISO/IEC 17025]*

And the successful transition of the JAS-AU management system from ISO / IEC 17011: 2004 to ISO/IEC 17011:2017. The next full ARAC MLA re-evaluation of JAS-AU takes place no later than October 2022

ARAC Resolution 2019/03

The General Assembly approves the Executive Committee's decision that the established Task Force Group, composed of the representatives of the ARAC ABs MLA Signatories, should prepare the draft of the ARAC membership fees procedure. The draft should be sent no later than 15th October 2019, with the aim to ensure the ARAC sustainability.

ARAC Resolution 2019/04

The General Assembly notes the decision of the ARAC MLA Group regarding the extension of the ARAC MLA structure to include the certification of persons according to ISO/IEC 17024.

ARAC Resolution 2019/05

General Assembly approves the Executive Committee's decision concerning the amendment of the ARAC membership categories in the ARAC Bylaws as following:

- *The ARAC full membership will be only for signatories,*
- *In order to maintain the full membership status, set a transition time frame for the current ARAC non signatory full members as following:*
  - *Apply to join the ARAC MLA within 18 months from the date of this decision,*

o *Get the ARAC MLA signatory status before the end of three years from the date of the endorsement of this resolution."*

ARAC Resolution 2019/06

General Assembly approves the Executive Committee's decision concerning the acceptance of TUNAC's offer for hosting ARAC Secretariat and registration of ARAC as legal entity. TUNAC should complete all registration procedures within a maximum of eight months from the date of signing the Headquarters and Hosting Agreement and notify the ARAC Secretariat periodically (every two months) of the progress in implementing the offer.

ARAC Resolution 2019/07

The General Assembly requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to consider the extension of the cooperation project for a period of 6 months so that ARAC can complete the establishment and implementation of a self-reliance mechanism and the implementation of the Re- Peer Evaluation and scope extension of ARAC by IAF&ILAC, with a view to maintaining and extending the international recognition of ARAC MLA.

ARAC Resolution 2019/08

General Assembly accepts the membership of the "Conseil Libanais d'Accréditation" COLIBAC in ARAC as ARAC Associate member.

ARAC Resolution 2019/09

The General Assembly adopted the following IAF Resolutions approved during the last ILAC&IAF GA held in October 2018

IAF Resolution 2018-13 – Non-Accredited Product Certification where the CAB is accredited for the same scope - The General Assembly acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee resolved that IAF Accreditation Body members shall have legally enforceable arrangements with their accredited CABs for product certification that prevents the CAB from issuing non-accredited product certification in scopes for which they are accredited. The enforceable arrangements shall require full implementation within three years from 31 October 2018.
Additionally, CABs for product certification must transition certification documentation to include the accreditation symbol and/or must make reference to the accreditation status of the CAB including the identification of the AB, no later than 31 October 2021.
Note: If there is an exception to the above, the CAB must justify the exception to the AB, and if accepted by the AB, the certification is still considered accredited.

IAF Resolution 2018-15 –Transitional Arrangement for ISO 22000:2018 - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the

period for the transitioning of accredited certifications to ISO 22000:2018 Food safety management systems -- Requirements for any organization in the food chain be three years, with the transition deadline being no later than 29 June 2021.

Accredited certificates issued to ISO 22000:2005 after the date of publication of ISO 22000:2018 shall state an expiry date of 29 June 2021. This resolution replaces IAF Resolution 2017-16.

IAF Resolution 2018-16 – Endorsement of ISO/IEC TS 17021-10:2018 - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved to endorse ISO/IEC TS 17021-10:2018 Conformity assessment -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems -- Part 10: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of occupational health and safety management systems as a normative document.

ARAC Resolution 2019/10

Based on the Executive Committee recommendation, ARAC adopts the updated version of the following IAF&ILAC documents:

- ❖ ILAC-G27:07/2019 Guidance on measurements performed as part of an inspection process
- ❖ ILAC-G8:09/2019 Guidelines on Decision Rules and Statements of Conformity
- ❖ ILAC-R6:05/2019 Structure of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement and Procedure for Expansion of the Scope of the ILAC Arrangement
- ❖ IAF MD 5:2019 Determination of Audit Time of Quality, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems
- ❖ IAF MD 11:2019 IAF Mandatory Document for the Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for Audits of Integrated Management Systems
- ❖ IAF MD 17:2019 Witnessing Activities for the Accreditation of Management Systems Certification Bodies
- ❖ IAF MD 22:2019 Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for the Certification of Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OH&SMS)

ARAC Resolution 2019/11

The General Assembly wishes to express its appreciation to the Tunisian Accreditation Council [TUNAC] for the outstanding arrangements and hospitality in hosting the 7th General Assembly meetings of ARAC and the efforts being made to success of the ARAC GA and annual meetings.

ARAC Resolution 2019/12

The General Assembly wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to:

- ▪ AIDMO for their support to ARAC and their hosting of ARAC Secretariat,
- ▪ UNIDO for their support to ARAC and their cooperation for the implementation of the ARAC Phase II project,
- ▪ The Kingdom of Sweden represented by Sida for their support to ARAC and financing the ARAC Phase II project,

ARAC Resolution 2019/12

ARAC GA wishes to express its thanks to JAS-AU and IQAS for their initiatives to host the next ARAC Mid-Term meetings which will be held in February 2020.