



Adopted Resolutions of the 10th ARAC General Assembly

08th December 2022

ARAC Resolution 2022/02

The General Assembly approved the Agenda - The General Assembly adopted the draft Agenda- Rev 03

ARAC Resolution 2022/03

The General Assembly confirmed the minutes of the 9th General Assembly meeting held remotely on 09th December 2021, as presented.

ARAC Resolution 2022/04:

The General Assembly welcomes the following decisions endorsed by the ARAC MLA Group regarding the ARAC MLA Signatory status of GCC Accreditation Centre [GAC]:

1. Continues as ARAC MLA Signatory for the accreditation scopes listed below:

- Accreditation of Inspection Bodies (ISO/IEC 17020)*
- Accreditation of Calibration Laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025)*

2. Becomes ARAC MLA Signatory for the accreditation scope listed below:

Accreditation of Management Systems Certification Bodies (MS) (ISO/IEC 17021-1)

QMS (ISO 9001)

EMS (ISO 14001)

FSMS (ISO 22000)

The next evaluation of GAC shall be conducted as following:

- Follow-up evaluation no later than **30th December 2023** for the accreditation of Management System certification bodies (QMS, EMS & FSMS),*
- No later than **30th December 2025** for the accreditation of Calibration Laboratories and Inspection Bodies.*

ARAC Resolution 2022/05:

The General Assembly welcomes the following decisions endorsed by the ARAC MLA Group regarding the ARAC MLA Signatory status of the Egyptian Accreditation Council [EGAC]:

1. Continues as ARAC MLA Signatory for the accreditation scopes listed below:
 - Accreditation of Inspection Bodies (ISO/IEC 17020)
 - Accreditation of Calibration Laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025)
 - Accreditation of Medical Testing Laboratories (ISO 15189)
 - Accreditation of Testing Laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025)
 - Accreditation of Management Systems Certification Bodies (MS) (ISO/IEC 17021-1)
 - Environmental Management Systems EMS (ISO 14001)
 - Food Safety Management Systems FSMS (ISO 22000)
 - Quality Management Systems QMS (ISO 9001)
2. Becomes ARAC MLA Signatory for the accreditation scope listed below:
 - Accreditation of Product Certification Bodies (ISO/IEC 17065)
 - Accreditation of Persons Certification Bodies (ISO/IEC 17024)

*The next evaluation of EGAC shall be conducted no later than **January 2026**.*

ARAC Resolution 2022/06:

The General Assembly agrees to extend the ARAC MLA to include the following scopes:

- Accreditation of PT providers according to ISO/IEC 17043,
- Accreditation of RM Producers according to ISO/IEC 17034,
- Accreditation of Biobanking according to ISO 20387

The General Assembly requests the Technical Committee and the MLA Group to follow the requirements and procedures of the PR 025 item 04 to extend the arrangement. The ARAC Secretary will update structure of the MLA defined in the procedure PR 025 according to this approved extension.

ARAC Resolution 2022/07:

The General Assembly, acting upon recommendation from the ARAC MLA Group, adopts the new versions of the following ILAC documents

- ILAC P 4: ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement: Policy and Management
- ILAC P5: ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement: Scope and Obligations
- ILAC R6: Structure of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement and Procedure for Expansion of the Scope of the ILAC Arrangement

ARAC Resolution 2022/08:

The General Assembly adopted the following ILAC Resolutions approved during the last ILAC GA held in November 2022:

ILAC Resolution GA 26.08

As the revised version of ISO 15189 is scheduled for publication in 2022 or early 2023, the General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the AIC that a transition period of 3 years from the date of publication be adopted.

Noting that the requirements for Point of Care Testing (POCT) contained in ISO 22870:2016 have been incorporated into the revised ISO 15189, ISO 22870:2016 in

in conjunction with ISO15189:2012 will still be recognized as a Level 4 standard for POCT for the duration of the transition period.

At the end of the transition period, accreditation of a medical laboratory to ISO 15189:2012 and accreditation of POCT to ISO 22870:2016 in conjunction with ISO15189:2012 will not be recognised under the ILAC Arrangement.

ILAC Resolution GA 26.09

As the revised version of ISO/IEC 17043 is scheduled for publication in 2022 or early 2023, the General Assembly endorses the recommendation of the AIC that a transition period of 3 years from the date of publication be adopted.

At the end of the transition period, accreditation of a proficiency testing provider to ISO/IEC 17043:2010 will not be recognized under the ILAC Arrangement.

ARAC Resolution 2022/09:

The General Assembly approved the ARAC strategy covering the period 2023-2025.

ARAC Resolution 2022/10:

The General Assembly elected Mr. Brahim Houla, GCC Accreditation Centre GAC, as ARAC Treasure for a period of two years, effective December 08, 2022

ARAC Resolution 2022/11:

The General Assembly welcomes the assignment of Mr. Abdulrahman Al Askar, Saudi Accreditation Centre SAAC, as ARAC Quality Manager for a period of three years, effective December 08, 2022.

ARAC Resolution 2022/12:

The GA expressed its appreciation to the Regional Cooperation Bodies and IAF&ILAC for submitting reports to the 10th ARAC GA, which the GA accepted as read.

ARAC Resolution 2022/13

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

- *AIDSMO for their continues support to ARAC,*
- *UNIDO for their support to ARAC and their cooperation for the implementation of the ARAC Phase III project,*
- *The Kingdom of Sweden represented by Sida for their support to ARAC and financing the ARAC Phase III project,*