Adopted Resolutions of the 11ᵗʰ ARAC General Assembly

14ᵗʰ December 2023

ARAC Resolution 2023/01

The General Assembly approved the Agenda of the 11ᵗʰ GA meeting, Rev 02

ARAC Resolution 2023/02

The General Assembly confirmed the minutes of the 10ᵗʰ General Assembly meeting held on 08ᵗʰ December 2022, as presented.

ARAC Resolution 2023/03:

The General Assembly welcomes the following decisions endorsed by the ARAC MLA Group regarding the ARAC MLA Signatory status of the Saudi Accreditation Center [SAAC]:
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 Testing Laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025)*

2. Becomes ARAC MLA Signatory for the accreditation scope listed below:
- *Accreditation of Medical Testing Laboratories (ISO 15189)*
- *Accreditation of Management Systems Certification Bodies (MS) (ISO/IEC 17021-1)*
    - *Quality Management Systems QMS (ISO 9001)*

*The next evaluation of SAAC shall be conducted no later than **April 2027.***

ARAC Resolution 2023/04:

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]:
Based on the review of the self-declaration provided by EGAC, the ARAC MLA Group approves the extension of the ARAC MLA signatory status of EGAC to include the following levels 4 & 5 sub-scopes:
- *ISO/IEC 27006 Information technology -- Security techniques -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems (Level 4),*

- ISO/IEC 27001 - Information technology - Security techniques - Information security management systems – Requirements (Level 5).
- ISO 13485 - Medical devices – Quality management systems – Requirements for regulatory purposes (Level 5).

These sub-scopes shall be evaluated at the next ARAC Re-evaluation of EGAC scheduled no later than **January 2026.**

ARAC Resolution 2023/05:

The General Assembly welcomes the following decisions endorsed by the ARAC MLA Group regarding the ARAC MLA Signatory status of the Jordanian Accreditation System [JAS-AU]:
Continues as ARAC MLA Signatory for the accreditation scopes listed below:
- Accreditation of Testing Laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025)
- Accreditation of Medical Testing Laboratories (ISO 15189)
- Accreditation of Calibration Laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025)

And decided that the next full ARAC MLA re-evaluation of JAS-AU takes place no later than **October 2026**

ARAC Resolution 2023/06:

The General Assembly agrees to extend the ARAC MLA to include the accreditation of validation and verification bodies according to the international standard ISO/IEC 17029.
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 2023/07:

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved to withdraw the ARAC procedure ARAC PR 012: Interlaboratory Comparison Procedure, issue 01, issued in March 2013.

ARAC Resolution 2023/08:

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

ILAC-P5:11/2023 – ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement: Scope and Obligations.
ILAC-P8:2023 – ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (Arrangement): Supplementary Requirements for the Use of Accreditation Symbols and for Claims of Accreditation Status by Accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies.
ILAC-R6:11/2023 – Structure of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement and Procedure for Expansion of the Scope of the ILAC Arrangement.
IAF MD27:2023 Transition Requirements for ISO 22003-1:2022

ARAC Resolution 2023/09:

The General Assembly approves the following ARAC documents:

ARAC AD 006: Capacity Building Committee Terms of Reference, Issue 01
ARAC AD 028: Communication and Marketing Committee Terms of Reference, Issue 05
ARAC PR 014: Procedure for Promotion of ARAC Internal and Training activities, Issue 02

ARAC Resolution 2023/10:

The General Assembly approves the ARAC Executive Committee decision on the assignment of Mrs Amina Ahmed Mohamed as the ARAC representative in the ILAC Executive Committee for the period 2024-2026, according to the results of the election performed on 13th November 2023.

ARAC Resolution 2023/11:

The General Assembly accepts the membership of The Syrian Arab Organization for Standardization & Metrology SASMO in ARAC as ARAC Associate member.

ARAC Resolution 2023/12:

The General Assembly endorses the election of the following officers to the ARAC Executive Committee for three years:

ARAC Chair	*Dr Adel Alkeaid, SAAC*
ARAC Vice Chair	*Mrs Lana Marashdeh, JAS-AU*
ARAC MLA C&G Chair	*Mr Brahim Houla, GAC*
ARAC TC Chair	*Mr Mohamed Abdelmotagaly, EIAC*
ARAC CMC Chair	*Mr Ali Almarzouk, SAAC*
ARAC CBC Chair	*Dr Qasim Al Shamsi, EIAC*
Executive Committee member representing ARAC Associate members	*Dr Maryam Alsallaqi, ENAS*

ARAC Resolution 2023/13:

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation to Mrs Amina Ahmed Mohamed as Chair of
ARAC for her outstanding contributions to ARAC during the previous five years which contributed to the achievement of the extension of the international recognition of the ARAC MLA.

ARAC Resolution 2023/14:

The General Assembly expresses its appreciation to ARAC Vice Chair, committees Chairs and the ARAC Secretariat for their outstanding contributions to ARAC which contributed to the enhancement of ARAC:

- *Mr Moteb Almezani, ARAC Vice Chair,*
- *Mrs Lana Marashdeh, ARAC MLA C & G Chair,*
- *Mr Mohamed Abdelmotagaly, ARAC TC Chair,*
- *Mr Brahim Houla, ARAC CMC Chair,*
- *Eng. Hany El Desouki, EC member,*
- *Dr Adel Alkeaid, ARAC EC member,*
- *Moslem Barrak, ARAC Secretariat.*

ARAC Resolution 2023/15:

The GA expressed its appreciation to the Regional Cooperation Bodies and IAF&ILAC for submitting reports to the 11th ARAC GA, which the GA accepted as read.

ARAC Resolution 2023/16

The General Assembly wishes to express its appreciation to the Saudi Accreditation Center [SAAC] for the exceptional and outstanding arrangements and hospitality in hosting the 11th Annual meetings of ARAC and the efforts being made to success of these meetings.

ARAC Resolution 2023/17

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.*