

# **Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated**

## **Approved Resolutions Second General Assembly Bangkok, Thailand 23 and 24 October 2025**

### **Resolution 2025-01 – (Agenda Item 1.1) Acceptance of Apologies and Proxies -**

The General Assembly received and accepted the list of apologies for non-attendance and accepted the notifications of proxies by Members.

**Resolution 2025-02 – (Agenda Item 1.3) Approval of the Agenda -** The General Assembly adopted the draft Agenda (ref GA02 1.3A).

**Resolution 2025-03 – (Agenda Item 2.1) Minutes of the First Meeting -** The General Assembly approved the draft Minutes as a true record of the First General Assembly, held in Berlin, Germany on 09 October 2024 (ref GA02 2.1).

**Resolution 2025-04 – (Agenda Item 2.2) Decisions Taken Outside of a General Assembly -** The General Assembly acknowledged the decisions taken remotely by members since the First General Assembly, as recorded in the Register of Decisions Taken Outside Convened General Assembly Meetings (ref GA02 2.2).

**Resolution 2025-05 – (Agenda Item 3) Report by the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Co-Chairs -** The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Co-Chairs as presented.

**Resolution 2025-06 – (Agenda Item 4) Administrative Updates –** The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Secretary on administrative affairs as presented.

**Resolution 2025-07 – (Agenda Item 4.2) Licensing of IAF Trademark to Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated –** The General Assembly agreed to pay for the license of the IAF Trademark from IAF in the amount of \$2,300 US Dollars per year, for a period of 3 years, or extended as needed, in accordance with the Trademark License Agreement (GA02 4.2).

**Resolution 2025-08 – (Agenda Item 4.3) Transfer of IAF CertSearch Database –** The General Assembly agreed in principle to accept the transfer of ownership of the IAF CertSearch database to the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated by 31 December 2025 or later if necessary, further to consultations with Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated members, negotiations with Quality Trade and agreement on a contract between Quality Trade and Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated.

**Resolution 2025-09** – (Agenda Item 5.2) **Approval of Draft Documents** - The General Assembly approved the draft documents in the List of Documents for Approval by Members (ref. GA02 5.2).

**Resolution 2025-10** – (Agenda Item 6) **Admission of New Members** - The General Assembly approved the organisations in the List of Membership Applicant Organisations as Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated members (ref. GA02 6.1). In the case of those organisations approved as Full Members and Recognised Regional Cooperation Bodies, they shall be accepted as signatories to the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Arrangement, for the scopes and dates of approval as published on the IAF and ILAC websites as of 31 December 2025.

**Resolution 2025-11** – (Agenda Item 8.1) **Election of Chair** - The General Assembly elected Mr. Brahim Houla of GCC Accreditation Center (GAC), as Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Chair for the complete years of 2026, 2027 and 2028.

**Resolution 2025-12** – (Agenda Item 10) **Treasurer's Report on the Financial Operations of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated** - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report on the Financial Affairs of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated as presented (ref IAF GA39 7.1).

**Resolution 2025-13** – (Agenda Item 10.2) **Membership Fees for 2026 and 2027** - The General Assembly notes that the 2026 membership fees will be calculated and invoices distributed to members by 1 December 2025.

**Resolution 2025-14** (Agenda Item 10.4) **Disbursement of ILAC reserves** - The General Assembly noting that, the ILAC reserves will be transferred to Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated upon dissolution of ILAC, requires an appropriate disbursement in 2027 of those ILAC reserves to Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated members that were ILAC members as at 31 December 2025.

**Resolution 2025-15** (Agenda Item 10.4) **Disbursement of IAF reserves** - The General Assembly notes that the IAF reserves will be disbursed until depleted prior to the dissolution of IAF. The General Assembly shall apply an equivalent credit in 2027 of those applicable IAF reserves to Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated members that were IAF members as at 31 December 2025.

**Resolution 2025-16** – (Agenda Item 10.4) **Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Budget for 2026** - The General Assembly approved the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Budget for 2026, as submitted by the Treasurer (ref IAF GA39 10.4).

**Resolution 2025-17** – (Agenda Item 12.1) **Election of Vice-Chair** - The General Assembly elected Mr. Emanuele Riva of Accredia as Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Vice-Chair for the complete years of 2026, 2027 and 2028.

**Resolution 2025-18 – Continuation of IAF Technical Work Under the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated** - The General Assembly resolved that the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated shall assume responsibility for the continued development and maintenance of the following IAF documents under review or revision, with the same eligible task force members if possible, with the understanding that these documents may already have been, or will be, adopted as Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated documents, and in recognition of the need to ensure continuity of technical work initiated by IAF. This work will be carried out in accordance with Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated rules and procedures.

- IAF MD 5 Determination of Audit Time of Quality, Environmental, and Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems
- IAF MD 12 Accreditation Assessment of Conformity Assessment Bodies with Activities in Multiple Countries
- IAF MD 15 Collection of Data to Provide Indicators of Management System Certification Bodies' Performance
- IAF MD 17 Witnessing Activities for the Accreditation of Management Systems Certification Bodies
- IAF ID XX Remote Audit Methods for Auditing Management Systems
- IAF ID XX Application of ISO/IEC 17011 in Environmental Information Validation and Verification (ISO 14065:2020)
- IAF MD XX Transition Requirements for ISO 9001
- IAF MD XX Transition Requirements for ISO 14001
- IAF MD XX Transition Requirements for ISO/IEC 17024

**Resolution 2025-19 – Continuation of IAF and ILAC Liaisons with International Partner Organisations Under the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated** - The General Assembly resolved that the IAF and ILAC liaisons with international partner organisations, shall continue in their roles in the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated, in all cases wherein the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Secretariat confirms their availability and eligibility to continue.

**Resolution 2025-20 – Continuation of IAF TC Decision Log Under the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated** - The General Assembly resolved that the IAF Technical Committee Decision Log shall continue under the Global Accreditation Cooperation and be maintained by the relevant Technical Committee.

**Resolution 2025-21 – Transfer and Recognition of IAF TC Historical Decisions Under the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated** - The General Assembly resolved that the IAF Technical Committee historical decisions shall continue under the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated and be maintained by the relevant Technical Committee.

**Resolution 2025-22 – Consideration of Outputs from Current IAF MLAC TFGs -**  
The General Assembly, noting that several Task Force Groups (TFGs) under the IAF MLA Committee are revising or developing IAF documents, including:

1. the TFG on Improvement of the MLA Scope Extension Process (IAF PL3), and
2. the TFG on a Document to Address Accreditation Body Cooperation,

Recognising the importance of maintaining alignment and avoiding duplication of effort, resolves that the outputs of ongoing IAF MLAC TFG activities shall be duly taken into account in any future revision of equivalent Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated documents. Such work shall be carried out in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated.

**Resolution 2025-23 – Transitional Provisions for Recognition of Sector Schemes -**

The General Assembly, noting the need to ensure continuity and fairness for privately owned sector schemes that were endorsed or undergoing endorsement under the IAF MLA process at the time of transition to the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated MRA,

Recognising the importance of maintaining confidence in endorsed schemes and providing a clear path for their recognition within the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated MRA framework,

Resolves to approve the following procedure:

1. Conditions for Recognition Under Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated MRA

1.1 For Schemes Endorsed by IAF before 24 October 2025

These schemes should be included in the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated MRA scope, provided that:

- a) The Scheme Owner has applied to become a Stakeholder Member of Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated by submitting the required application;
- b) The Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated General Assembly approves the application during its 24 October 2025 meeting;
- c) The scheme is formally presented at the 24 October 2025 General Assembly for approval into the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated MRA scope.

1.2 For Schemes Endorsed by IAF After 24 October 2025 but Before 31 December 2025

These schemes should be submitted for inclusion in the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated MRA scope via an electronic ballot of the General Assembly, provided that:

- a) The Scheme Owner has applied to become a Stakeholder Member of Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated;
- b) The scheme endorsement by IAF is accompanied by full documentation and positive endorsement records;
- c) The Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Executive Committee submits the scheme to the General Assembly for decision.

### 1.3 For Schemes Still Undergoing Endorsement by IAF by 01 January 2026

Any scheme that has not concluded the IAF evaluation process by 01 January 2026 should:

- a) Be evaluated under the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated endorsement procedure defined in MRA-003 as of 01 January 2026;
- b) Where applicable, the results of any IAF evaluation completed before 31 December 2025 should be taken into account during the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated evaluation process;
- c) Scheme Owners may request that documentation, findings, or reports issued by IAF or relevant ABs be submitted to the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Secretariat for consideration.

## 2. Additional Provisions

2.1 For all cases, schemes should comply with the requirement to designate a liaison representative with authority to respond within at least 7 days (as outlined in MRA-003);

2.2 Recognised schemes should be included in the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated FMRA-001 document and subject to ongoing maintenance under MRA-003 procedure.

**Resolution 2025-24 – Temporary Use of IAF MLA and ILAC MRA marks** - The General Assembly, agreed that any current IAF or ILAC member who intends to join Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated but cannot complete membership by 31 December 2025 may temporarily continue use of the IAF and/or ILAC trademarks according to their MLA and MRA signatory status as of 1 January 2026. The Applicant Organisation shall confirm in writing to the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Secretariat their intent to join and reason for delay, follow the trademark rules governing use of the IAF and ILAC trademarks and not claim Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated membership until formally admitted. The temporary use of the marks ends either when the applicant's organisation joins Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated, or by 26 April 2026, unless extended by the General Assembly. Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated may revoke this right immediately if any condition of IAF or ILAC trademark rules is breached or no progress toward membership is shown.

**Resolution 2025-25 – Temporary Use of IAF/ILAC Mandatory Documents** - The General Assembly, recognising that the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated has not yet finalised its own documents, resolves that, for the purpose of conducting peer evaluations, the following shall remain in force until equivalent Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated documents are finalised and adopted:

- IAF Mandatory Documents,
- ILAC P-Series Documents, and
- the applicable A-Series documents developed jointly by IAF and ILAC.

The General Assembly further notes that responsibility for implementing these peer evaluations and other activities rests with the Regional Cooperation Bodies in respect of their members, when those members are Full Members of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated.

**Resolution 2025-26 – Recognition of IAF-Endorsed Schemes in the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated MRA** - The General Assembly, noting the need to ensure continuity with the Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MRA) scopes during the transition period, resolves that:

All schemes published in the IAF MLA Status as of 31 December 2025 should be recognised within the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated MRA scopes. Recognition of privately owned schemes is conditional upon the Scheme Owner having applied for and been accepted as a Stakeholder Member of Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated.

**Resolution 2025-27 – Joint Consideration of Outputs from ILAC ARC and IAF MLAC Task Force Groups** - The General Assembly notes the valuable work and outputs of the Task Force Groups established under the ILAC Arrangement Committee (ARC) and the IAF MLA Committee (MLAC), including:

1. The ILAC ARC Task Force Group (PXX TFG), and
2. The IAF MLAC Task Force Group on Accreditation Body Cooperation.

Recognising the importance of consolidating expertise, maintaining alignment, and avoiding duplication of effort, the General Assembly resolves:

- That a new Task Force Group shall be formed under the Accreditation Committee of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated, composed of the current eligible members of the ILAC and IAF Task Force Groups.
- That this new Task Force Group shall draft a document based on the combined outputs of the ILAC ARC and IAF MLAC Task Force Groups.
- That the draft document shall be circulated for comments before the 2026 Midterm Meeting, with the goal of approval by the 2026 October Annual General Assembly.

**Resolution 2025-28 – Continuity of Peer Evaluation Processes** - The General Assembly resolves that the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated shall recognise the deliverables of peer evaluations initiated by IAF and ILAC, and that such evaluations shall continue from their current stage under the framework of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated.

**Resolution 2025-29 – Temporary Use of Specific IAF/ILAC MLA/MRA Documents** - The General Assembly, recognising the need for continuity until equivalent Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated documents are finalised and adopted, resolves that the following documents shall remain referenced and in force until such time:

- IAF ML 1:2024 – Guidance for the Exchange of Documentation among MLA Signatories for the Assessment of Conformity Assessment Bodies
- IAF ML 2:2023 General Principles on the Use of the IAF MLA Mark
- IAF ML 3:2024 – Guidance for Responding to Inquiries on Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) Signatory Equivalence and on the Acceptance of Certification Documents
- IAF PL 3:2025 Policies and Procedures on the IAF MLA Structure and for Expansion of the Scope of the IAF MLA
- ILAC R6:11/2023 Structure of the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement and Procedure for Expansion of the Scope of the ILAC Arrangement
- ILAC R7:05/2015 Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark
- ILAC P8:11/2023 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 G21:09/2012 – Cross Frontier Accreditation – Principles for Cooperation
- IAF/ILAC A2:06/2023 – IAF/ILAC Multilateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of an Accreditation Body (Note: valid until 10 March 2027)
- IAF/ILAC A3:06/2023 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Template report for the peer evaluation of an Accreditation Body based on ISO/IEC 17011:2017

**Resolution 2025-30 – Approval of the IAF and ILAC resolutions** - The General Assembly adopted the resolutions approved during the IAF 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly annual meetings and the ILAC 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly annual meetings, held at The Athenee Hotel Bangkok, Thailand, on 22 and 24 October 2025.

End of Resolutions adopted at the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly