



The Communique of Commonwealth of Nations Accreditation Board

Resolutions adopted 28 Annual Meeting 16 and 18 October 2006 Hilton Hotel Bahamas

CNAB Resolution 2006-01 – (Agenda Item 2) 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.

CNAB Resolution 2006-02 – (Agenda Item 3) Approval of the Agenda – The General Assembly adopted the draft agenda (ref CNAB–GA20-3).

CNAB Resolution 2006-03 – (Agenda Item 4) Minutes of the Nineteenth Meeting - The General Assembly approved the draft Minutes as a true record of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting, held in Auckland, New Zealand, on 17 and 19 September, 2005 (ref CNAB–AM–05-010 Rev1) as circulated.

CNAB Resolution 2006-04 – (Agenda Item 5) Report by the Chairman - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Chairman as presented.

CNAB Resolution 2006-05 – (Agenda Item 6.1) Current Membership - The General Assembly received the report by the Secretary on the current CNAB membership as at November 2006 (ref CNAB-AM-06-003 Rev1).

CNAB Resolution 2006-06 – (Agenda Item 6.3) New Members - The General Assembly received the Secretary's report (ref CNAB GA20-6) on the admission to membership since the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Hellenic Accreditation System of Greece (ESYD), the Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC), the Portuguese Institute for Accreditation (IPAC) and the Dubai Accreditation Centre (DAC).

Note: EGAC (Egypt) and IPAC (Portugal) signed the CNAB MoU at a ceremony during the CNAB-ILAC Gala Dinner on 12 November 2006. ESYD (Greece) and

DAC (Dubai) had previously signed the MoU in November 2005 and September 2006, respectively.

CNAB Resolution 2006-07 – (Agenda Item 6.7) Revision of CNAB PR 4: 2005 Endorsed Normative Documents - The General Assembly endorsed the adoption of the standards and guides as listed in the proposed revision of CNAB PR 4: 2005 (ref CNAB–GA20-6.7) and instructed the Secretary to publish this as CNAB PR 4: 2006 issue 3.

CNAB Resolution 2006-08 – (Agenda Item 7) Technical Committee - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chairman of the Technical Committee (ref CNAB GA20 –7) and approved the Technical Committee Program.

CNAB Resolution 2006-09 – (Agenda Item 7) Transition Period for ISO/IEC 17021 – The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the transition period for conforming to ISO/IEC 17021:2006 be 24 months from the date of publication of the standard by ISO.

Therefore, on 15 September 2008, accreditation to ISO/IEC Guide 62:1996 and ISO/IEC Guide 66:1999 will no longer be valid. The annexes of CNAB GD2 or CNAB GD6 should continue to be applied until superseded.

CNAB Resolution 2006-10 – (Agenda Item 7.2) ISO 9000 Advisory Group - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Co-Convener of the ISO 9000 Advisory Group (ref CNAB GA20 –7.2) as presented.

CNAB Resolution 2006-11 – (Agenda Item 8) MLA Committee - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chairman of the MLA Committee (ref CNAB 20-8).

CNAB Resolution 2006-12 – (Agenda Item 8) - New Regional Signatory of CNAB MLA for QMS – The General Assembly noted that the CNAB MLA Group, on the recommendation of the MLA MC, had agreed that IAAC should be admitted to the CNAB MLA for QMS.

Note: IAAC signed the CNAB MLA for QMS at a ceremony during the CNAB-ILAC Gala Dinner on 12 November 2006.

CNAB Resolution 2006-13 – (Agenda Item 8) New CNAB MLA Signatories – The General Assembly noted that DSM (Malaysia, PAC) has been accepted for membership in the CNAB MLA for EMS, and ESYD (Greece, EA), IPAC (Portugal, EA) and SA (Slovenia, EA) have been accepted for membership in the CNAB MLAs for QMS, EMS and Product, as a consequence of PAC or EA MLA membership respectively.

Note: DSM signed the CNAB MLA for EMS on 15 March 2006 and has joined the CNAB MLA for QMS on 29 September 1999. ESYD signed the CNAB MLAs for QMS, EMS and Product on 24 March 2006. IPAC and SA signed the CNAB QMS, EMS and Product MLAs at a ceremony during the CNAB-ILAC Gala Dinner on 12 November 2006.

CNAB Resolution 2006-14 – (Agenda Item 8) Assessment of Foreign Critical Locations for QMS and EMS - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the MLA Committee, resolved that all Foreign Critical Locations (FCLs) included in accreditation scopes for ISO 9001 QMS and ISO 14001 EMS on or before 31 December 2006 shall be initially assessed on-site at least once by an CNAB MLA member AB for all scopes of accreditation for ISO 9001 QMS and ISO 14001 EMS being covered by the FCLs, no later

than 31 December 2007.

CNAB Resolution 2006-15 – (Agenda Item 8) Assessment of Foreign Critical Locations for Product Certification - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the MLA Committee, resolved that all Foreign Critical Locations (FCLs) included in accreditation scopes for product certification on or before 31 December 2006 shall be initially assessed on-site at least once by an CNAB MLA member AB for scopes of accreditation for product certification being covered by the FCLs, no later than 31 December 2008.

CNAB Resolution 2006-16 – (Agenda Item 8) Survey on assessment of Foreign Critical Locations/Foreign Premises for QMS/ EMS and Product Certification - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the MLA Committee, resolved that the CNAB MLA MC will carry out a survey regarding FCLs/foreign premises by 1 May 2007 on the implementation of the resolutions adopted for assessment of Foreign Critical Locations for both QMS/EMS and Product Certification by the CNAB MLA Signatories and present a report on the survey to the CNAB MLA Committee at the 2007 CNAB Annual Meetings in Sydney.

CNAB Resolution 2006-17 - (Agenda item 9) Development Support Committee - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report from the Chair of the Development Support Committee (DSC).

CNAB Resolution 2006-18 – (Agenda Item 10) Communications and Marketing Committee – The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Chairman of the Communications and Marketing Committee as presented.

CNAB Resolution 2006-19 – (Agenda Item 11.1) Treasurer's Report on the Financial Operations of CNAB in 2005 - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report by the Treasurer on the Financial Affairs of CNAB and the Report of the Financial Auditor on the Financial Operations of CNAB, December 31, 2005 as circulated and presented.

CNAB Resolution 2006-20 – (Agenda Item 11.3) Financial Oversight Committee - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report of the Financial Oversight Committee (ref CNAB 20-11.3), as circulated and endorsed the recommendation that the 2005 financial accounts be accepted.

CNAB Resolution 2006-21 – (Agenda Item 11.2) Treasurer's Report on the Financial Operations of CNAB in 2006 - The General Assembly received with appreciation the report by the Treasurer on the financial affairs of CNAB for the period 1 January to 30 September 2006 as presented.

CNAB Resolution 2006-22 – (Agenda Item 11.4) CNAB Budget for 2007 - The General Assembly, approved the CNAB Budget for 2007 as submitted by the Treasurer and as modified by the General Assembly, directed the Secretary to send invoices for membership fees for 2007 based upon the budget amount, with no change in general from the 2006 membership fees.

CNAB Resolution 2006-23 – (Agenda Item 12) CNAB Open Forum – The General Assembly received with appreciation the presentations and status reports provided on the CNAB Strategic Plan, accreditation of certifiers of persons, proposed election of CNAB Committee Chairs, and the proposal for improving the credibility of management system certifications.

CNAB Resolution 2006-24 – (Agenda Item 12.1) CNAB Strategic Plan 2006 - The General Assembly endorsed the adoption of the CNAB Strategic Plan 2006 (ref CNAB–GA20-12.1) as circulated and presented.

CNAB Resolution 2006-25 – (Agenda Item 12.3) Selection of CNAB Committee Chairs - The General Assembly requested the CNAB Board and Executive to consider the revision of CNAB PR 2:2005 CNAB Procedures for the Organization of CNAB Committees and Subordinate

Groups, for the selection procedure(s) for Chairpersons of CNAB Permanent Committees and Subordinate Groups, taking into account the discussion at the CNAB General Assembly, including the need for transparency and balanced regional representation, and to report back to the CNAB membership on the results at the next General Assembly.

CNAB Resolution 2006-26 – (Agenda Item 12.4) CNAB Guidance – The General Assembly confirmed the principle that the application of CNAB Guidance Documents (i.e. the CNAB GD series) and joint CNAB-ILAC Guidance Documents (i.e. the A Series) is mandatory for all CNAB Accreditation Body Members and the bodies they accredit.

CNAB Resolution 2006-27 – (Agenda Item 13) Liaison Reports to CNAB – The General Assembly received with appreciation the following liaison reports:

- the ISO/TC 176 report as received (ref CNAB 20–13.1);
- the ISO CASCO report presented on behalf of the Chairman of ISO CASCO (presented at the JGA);
- the IPC report presented on behalf of the Chairman of IPC (ref CNAB 20–12.2.2);
- and
- the IAQG liaison report as presented (ref CNAB 20–13.3).

CNAB Resolution 2006-28 – (Agenda Item 14) Election of Directors - The General Assembly congratulated the following Directors on their election:

Dr Thomas Facklam (DAR) elected unopposed as Chairman for a three year term ending at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Dr Lorenzo Thione (SINCERT-FIDEA) elected as Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in a high income economy, as designated by the World Bank, for a three year term ending at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Notes:

1. Ms Elva Nilsen (SCC) will complete her term as Vice Chair at the 2007 Annual Meeting.
2. Mr Girdhar Gyani (NABCB) will complete his term as Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in a low and medium income economy, as designated by the World Bank, at the 2007 Annual Meeting.
3. Mr Guenther Beer (BDI) will complete his term as Director representing the Industry and User Association Members, for a three year term ending at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

4. Mr Pierre Salle (IAAR) will complete his term as Director representing Certification/Registration/ Inspection Body Association Members, for a three year term ending at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

CNAB Resolution 2006-29 – (Agenda Item 16) 2006 Annual Meetings – The General Assembly expressed its appreciation for the excellent arrangements and support provided by ema as host of the CNAB Twentieth Annual Meetings, held in November 2006, in Cancun, Mexico.

CNAB Resolution 2006-30 – (Agenda Item 17.1) Invitation for the 2007 Annual Meetings - The General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by JAS-ANZ on behalf of CNAB and NATA on behalf of ILAC to host the 2007 CNAB Annual Meetings in Sydney, Australia, from 19 to 31 October, 2007, in association with the ILAC General Assembly.

CNAB Resolution 2006-31 – (Agenda Item 17.2) Invitation for the 2008 Annual Meetings - The General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by SWEDAC to host the 2008 Annual Meetings in Stockholm, Sweden, from 8 to 18 September, 2008, in association with the ILAC General Assembly.

CNAB Resolution 2006-32 – (Agenda Item 17.2) Invitation for the 2009 Annual Meetings - The General Assembly accepted with appreciation the invitation by CAEAL (Canadian Association of Environmental Analytical Laboratories) to host the 2009 Annual Meetings in Vancouver, Canada, in association with the ILAC General Assembly.

End of resolutions adopted at CNAB 28. Annual Meeting.