



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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1. INTRODUCTION

Organizations in the Arab region countries that have the intention to establish and operate accreditation activities in accordance with the ARAC Bylaws, the ARAC Quality Manual and the rules established in this Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter abbreviated (MoU) are equally eligible to join the ARAC.

By signing this MoU ARAC members agree to work to strengthen the principles established in accreditation and formally agree to employ the relevant guides and standards of the ISO/IEC and the mandatory documents of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) in developing their programs.

All new members in all accreditation scopes and categories shall henceforth sign this MoU.

2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By signing this MoU ARAC members agree to:

- Be part of the Arab Accreditation Cooperation, ARAC.
- Establish and operate their accreditation business and programmes in accordance with the ARAC Bylaws, the ARAC Quality Manual and the rules established in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and relevant requirements.
- Work to strengthen the principles established in accreditation and formally agree to employ the relevant guides and standards of the ISO/IEC and the mandatory documents of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) in developing their programs.

3. MISSION, VISION AND QUALITY POLICY

ARAC's Goals, Mission, Vision and Quality Policy are described in the ARAC Quality Manual and in the ARAC Bylaws.

4. MEMBERSHIP

ARAC membership categories (full, associate, affiliates, and stakeholders members) as well as their rights and obligations are defined in the ARAC Bylaws.

5. ARAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The ARAC General Assembly rules, composition and its authority are described in the ARAC Bylaws.

6. ARAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The ARAC Executive Committee responsibilities, terms of reference, and composition as approved by the Executive Committee, are defined in the Executive Committee's Terms of Reference.

7. MULTILATERAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENTS ARAC MLA

Accreditation Bodies will demonstrate willingness to reach equivalence of operation of their accreditation system and their respective programs, which will result in a Multilateral Recognition Agreement, in accordance with ARAC Goals as described in the ARAC Bylaws.

8. VALIDITY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 8.1 This MoU established for a period of three years from date of signing and automatically renewed. It may be amended by agreement of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Full Members, provided that all Members have had one month advance notification, together with all corresponding information according to the ARAC Document Control Procedure.
- 8.2 This MoU may be terminated by either party, subject to three months written notice.
- 8.3 Questions of interpretation of this MOU are to be resolved by the General Assembly.
- 8.4 The MOU will not create any legal obligation, but the signatories must implement it in good faith. The Members will retain autonomy in their own operations.

SIGNATORY

The undersigned, ratifies each and every one of the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and commits his/her best efforts to comply with its objectives.

ORGANIZATION

**COUNTRY/
COUNTRIES**

MEMBER CATEGORY

SIGNATURES

**Authorized
Representative**

Date:

ARAC Chair

Date: