

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

**between**

## **CEOC International and IFIA**

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Considering that CEOC International (Confédération Européene des Organismes de Contrôle, d'Inspection et de Prévention) was established in 1961 with aims:

- to promote safety through independent conformity assessment
- to represent the common interest of the members vis à vis the European and International Institutions and Organisations involved in accreditation, testing, inspection, certification and standardisation activities
- to represent the common interests of the members vis à vis the European and International industry and their federations

and

considering that IFIA, the International Federation of Inspection Agencies, was established in 1982, with aims:

- To improve the methods, standards, safety procedures and rules used by its members
- To establish legally defensible terms and conditions of business
- To promote global recognition of the profession as being associated with trust and integrity
- To defend the interests of its members and promote the value of their services

With a view to avoid duplication of activities and to optimize resources and logistics, and to organize regular consultation on policy matters between these two associations,

### **CEOC and IFIA have agreed that**

1. CEOC and IFIA will inform each other and provide information to their members of their respective activities,
2. The CEOC Board of Directors and IFIA Council will establish regular contact through a delegated co-ordination group in order to:

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- exchange views and, wherever possible, achieve consensus positions on policy matters of interest to the members of both organizations,
  - co-ordinate, where appropriate, participation in relevant European and international activities such as EU, EP, EA, ILAC, IAF, CEN-CENELEC-ETSI, ISO/IEC,
  - co-ordinate activities and positions on matters involving the interaction of accreditation, testing, inspection, certification and standardisation,
  - co-ordinate the content and programming of workshops and seminars,
3. CEOC and IFIA will seek to support each other when participating in committees and other forums with a bearing on the activities of their members,
  4. CEOC and IFIA will identify where it is valuable for them to operate together either by means of joint committees or through co-ordinated activity,
  5. CEOC may host, upon request, registered address of IFIA in Brussels and, in addition, provide under specific services contract some postal and office facilities,
  6. CEOC and IFIA will keep under consideration some form of future integration of CEOC and IFIA if this will be beneficial to all members,
  7. CEOC and IFIA will each become an affiliate of the other, entailing no subscription or voting rights,
  8. This Memorandum of Understanding is for a period of three years, after which the parties will decide on its prolongation, amendment or termination.

Signed by the President of CEOC  
and the President of IFIA



Simo Hassi  
CEOC, President

Date: 17.1.2013



Richard Nelson  
IFIA, President

Date: 29/1/13