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**Note
to CIML Members and OIML Corresponding Members**

**Subject: Review of the Memorandum of Understanding
between ILAC, IAF and the OIML**

Dear Colleagues,

The Memorandum of Understanding between ILAC, IAF and the OIML was signed in November 2007. For its implementation, a joint ILAC/OIML Working Program was set up which is reviewed annually.

ILAC, IAF and the OIML held their annual tripartite meeting in Paris on 1 April 2010. The review of the MoU and the results of the two surveys (one managed by ILAC and the other by the OIML, among their respective Members) on accreditation in the field of legal metrology - which were included in the ILAC/OIML joint Working Program for 2009 - were discussed.

As indicated in BIML Circular 10/390 summarizing the results of the surveys, it appears that most of the time, legal metrology or even testing according to the relevant OIML Recommendations or national/regional regulations is not clearly mentioned in the accreditation scope.

ILAC has, furthermore, indicated that national accreditation bodies requested clarification on the meaning of item d) in the scope of the MoU concerning the use of technical and metrological experts and assessors from the joint ILAC/IAF/OIML list of assessors whenever legal metrology is included in the scope of the accreditation.

Attached please find a proposal for a revised MoU which includes an attempt to clarify this issue.

In addition, the MoU is now due for its three-yearly review, in line with the clause relating to its implementation.

We would be grateful if you could send us, **by 31 July 2010 at the latest**, your comments on the above-mentioned proposal for clarification together with any additional suggestions for modifications you may have.

The revised MoU will be signed on the occasion of the ILAC/IAF General Assembly in October 2010 in Shanghai (P.R. China).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional information.

Yours faithfully,

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