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PROCEDURE TO WRITE IAAC RESOLUTIONS

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1. PURPOSE

This document describes the procedure that IAAC members shall follow to write resolutions of their meetings.

2. SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 All significant results of IAAC meetings shall be recorded in the form of resolutions. A resolution shall be concise, clear and contain a complete description of the decision, with all the relevant information to ensure that it is properly executed. The resolution shall include:

- Title of the resolution;
- Description of the action that was agreed should occur;
- Name of the person(s) responsible for executing the action, if applicable;
- Completion date of the action, if applicable.

2.2 The IAAC General Assembly, Committees and Subcommittees shall be identified with the following acronyms regardless of the language in which resolutions are written: General Assembly: GA; Executive Committee: EC; MLA Committee: MLAC; MLA Group: MLAG; Technical Committee: TC; Management Committee: MC; Laboratories Subcommittee: LSC; Certification Bodies Subcommittee: CBSC; Inspection Bodies Subcommittee: IBSC; Documentation Subcommittee: DSC; Training Subcommittee: TSC; Promotion Subcommittee: PSC.

2.3 A resolution shall include the acronym of the IAAC Assembly, Committee or Subcommittee that adopts it, the year of adoption, and a sequential number. Number sequences are restarted each year.

2.4 The header of the resolutions document shall include:

- Group name: General Assembly, Committee or Subcommittee
- Meeting place: City and Country
- Meeting date: Day, Month and Year
- Specify if they are: a) Draft Resolutions, b) Comments on Draft Resolutions, or c) Approved Resolutions.



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Examples:

Draft Resolutions

GA/2011/72	Translation of ILAC's X2 document
The General Assembly agrees to finish the translation of ILAC's X2 document and instructs Jane Doe and John Smith to complete it.	

Comments on Draft Resolutions

GA/2011/72	Translation of ILAC's X2 document
The General Assembly agrees to <u>establish a Working Group</u> to complete the translation of ILAC's X2 document. <u>The group is formed by</u> Jane Doe and John Smith.	

Approved Resolutions

GA/2011/72	Translation of ILAC's X2 document
The General Assembly agrees to establish a Working Group to finish the translation of ILAC's X2 document. The group is formed by Jane Doe and John Smith. The deadline is October 31, 2011.	

- 2.5 Resolutions shall be listed in the order as the issues were discussed according to the meeting agenda.
- 2.6 If a resolution endorses the recommendation of another resolution, the same text shall be used or attached.
- 2.7 Each IAAC Committee and Subcommittee Chair is responsible for keeping a record of its resolutions, and shall send a copy of the approved resolutions to the IAAC Secretary so they may be posted, as appropriate, on the IAAC website.
- 2.8 The IAAC Secretariat shall be responsible for keeping the records of General Assembly and Executive Committee resolutions. The MLA Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the records of the MLA Group and MLA Committee resolutions.



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3. DRAFTING RESOLUTIONS

- 3.1 The IAAC Secretary shall be responsible for drafting General Assembly and Executive Committee meeting resolutions. The MLA Secretary shall be responsible for drafting MLA Group and MLA Committee resolutions. The Chair and Vice-Chair of each committee and subcommittee shall be responsible for drafting its meeting resolutions.
- 3.2 The Chair and Vice-Chair of the corresponding Committee or Subcommittee may organize its work as it deems appropriate, as long as the draft resolutions are ready at the end of each work session or meeting, for presentation to the corresponding Committee or General Assembly.
- 3.3 The relevant Committee or Subcommittee Chair, shall determine if the resolutions will be drafted in one language only and translated after approval, or submitted to the corresponding committee or General Assembly in English and Spanish.

4. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1 Draft resolutions shall be presented to all the meeting attendees for their consideration and approval. They shall be presented at the end of each meeting.
- 4.2 The delegates present at the meeting shall review the draft resolutions to ensure that they properly capture the decisions made during the meeting. Once the draft resolutions are approved, they become the approved resolutions. If it is necessary to make any changes to a resolution, another resolution shall be submitted at the next opportunity to cancel or modify the original one.
- 4.3 If time does not allow for proper review and approval of the resolutions during the meeting, the person appointed to perform such function shall circulate the draft one week after the meeting to the attendees for its approval.
- 4.4 Regarding General Assembly meetings, the Committees and Subcommittees shall submit their resolutions to the General Assembly at the beginning of its meeting.
- 4.5 Within 10 working days of the approval of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee resolutions, the Secretariat shall disseminate them respectively to IAAC members, and to Executive Committee members.