



## Inter American Accreditation Cooperation

Bogota, Colombia, March 16, 2020

IAAC members,

I inform you that the MLA Committee approved three resolutions regarding the COVID-19 outbreak during its meeting on March 13, 2020, held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

<b>MLAC/2020/09</b>	<b>IAF and ILAC statements regarding the COVID-19 outbreak</b>
The IAAC MLA Committee agrees that IAAC shall follow the recommendations of the current and future statements issued by IAF and ILAC regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. IAF issued a statement published on its website ( <a href="http://www.iaf.nu">www.iaf.nu</a> ) on March 4, 2020, and ILAC issued a declaration published on its website ( <a href="http://www.ilac.org">www.ilac.org</a> ), on March 11, 2020.	

<b>MLAC/2020/10</b>	<b>IAAC decision for accreditation bodies regarding the COVID-19 outbreak</b>
The IAAC MLA Committee agrees that each Accreditation Body shall document how it will address the impact caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and the application of alternative assessment techniques to ensure the competence of accredited conformity assessment bodies. The Accreditation Body shall maintain the necessary evidence regarding the corresponding official justification for the application of alternative procedures.	

<b>MLAC/2020/11</b>	<b>IAAC decision for Conformity Assessment Bodies regarding the COVID-19 outbreak</b>
The IAAC MLA Committee agrees that the accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies shall document how they will address the impact caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and the application of alternative conformity assessment techniques, in compliance with the guidelines established by the Accreditation Body. The accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies shall maintain the necessary evidence regarding the corresponding official justification for the application of alternative procedures.	

Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please let me know. My email is [ferney.chaparro@onac.org.co](mailto:ferney.chaparro@onac.org.co).

Best regards,

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