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INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BOARD (CAB)

SUBJECT

List of decisions taken by the CAB at its 18th meeting held in Cape Town on 2005-10-18

Decision 18/1 — *CAB Agenda*

The CAB approves the revised draft agenda presented in document CAB/560A/DA.

Decision 18/2 — *Affiliate Country Programme*

The CAB expresses its appreciation to Ms Françoise Rauser for the comprehensive presentation given on behalf of Mr Mesai Girma, Leader of the Affiliate Country Programme, on the activities of the ACP, and confirms its willingness to continue providing assistance to the ACP in conformity assessment matters.

Decision 18/3 — *CAB WG 7, Marks*

The CAB expresses its appreciation to the Convener and members of CAB WG 7, *Marks*, for their work in progressing to a mature stage the development of an IEC mark. However, as a consequence of its decision at the meeting in June 2005 to concentrate on a mark for use within the IECEx Scheme and defer further work on an IEC mark, the CAB resolves to disband WG 7. The CAB notes that the Working Group can be re-established when required.

Decision 18/4 — *Central Office support on promotion*

The CAB requests Marketing and Communications Services in IEC Central Office to assist the Schemes with participation in a number of specialized conferences, and with contributions to a number of specialized trade and professional journals. It requests the Schemes to identify the relevant conferences by name and date, and the relevant journals by title and publisher, to allow Central Office to accomplish this task.

Decision 18/5 — *Approach to regulators*

The CAB requests Central Office, with assistance from National Committees, Scheme members and the Schemes, to develop a comprehensive approach to regulators, both in the international context and country by country. The purpose is to allow the Schemes to develop—or where necessary initiate—dialogues with regulators, in order to help them suit their activity to the relevant requirements. Those countries

and issues to be addressed, which are considered the most important for this purpose, should be identified by the Schemes.

Decision 18/6 — CAB WG 8, Promotion

The CAB accepts the report of WG 8, approves the recommendations contained in it, thanks the group and its Convener Mr Collis very much for its work, and disbands Working Group 8.

Decision 18/7 — CAB WG 9, Hazardous Substances

The CAB thanks WG 9 for its report and requests it to consult the Schemes and the National Committees in order to identify specific elements of the market demand for hazardous substance conformity assessment.

Decision 18/8 — Standard for hazardous substance process management (HSPM)

The CAB resolves that the document EIA/ECCB 954 be forwarded to the SMB with a request that consideration be given to it in the development of an IEC standard or other publication. The CAB notes that the originator of the document, EIA/ECCB, has indicated its willingness to cooperate in modifying the document as necessary.

Decision 18/9 — German restrictions on use of manufacturers' facilities

With respect to the restrictions on the issue of the GS Mark based on acceptance of CB Certificates relying on tests at manufacturers' facilities, the CAB requests both the German member and the IECEE to report to the next meeting on progress in resolving the issue.

Decision 18/10 — Appointment of IECEE Treasurer

The CAB appoints Mr Fritz Beglinger as Treasurer of the IECEE for a third and final three year term commencing 2006-01-01.

Decision 18/11 — IECEE Annual Accounts 2004

The CAB approves the IECEE audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2004, noting the substantial surplus recorded as a result of surcharge income exceeding the budget.

Decision 18/12 — IECEE Budget 2006

On the recommendation of the IECEE CMC, the CAB approves the IECEE budget for 2006 contained in document CAB/554/DV. The CAB notes the CMC's concerns about the sustainability of the surcharge income and its decision to establish a working group to examine future funding and budget options.

Decision 18/13 — IECEx mark

The CAB notes the approval by the IECEx of the regulations for an IECEx mark of conformity, looks forward to receiving them within four weeks (as "IECEx 04"), and will decide on their approval by correspondence.

Decision 18/14 — Appointment of IECEx Officers

On the recommendation of the IECEx Management Committee, the CAB appoints Dr Uwe Klausmeyer as Chairman of the IECEx for a second and final three year term, Mr LIU Weijun as Vice-Chairman of the IECEx for a three year term and Mr Heinz Berger as Treasurer of the IECEx for a further three-year term, with all appointments commencing 2006-01-01.

Decision 18/15 — Appointment of IECEx Board of Appeal

On the recommendation of the IECEx Management Committee, the CAB appoints Messrs Ron Sinclair, Jim Birch, Robert Martell and Gerhard Schwarz as members of the IECEx Board of Appeal, and Messrs John Allen and Joe Gryn as "deputies" (alternates).

Decision 18/16 — *IECEX Annual Accounts 2004*

The CAB approves the IECEx audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2004.

Decision 18/17 — *IECEX Budget 2006*

On the recommendation of the IECEx Management Committee, the CAB approves the IECEx budget for 2006 contained in document CAB/564/DV with amendments as indicated by the IECEx Secretary. The CAB notes that the recently introduced certificate fee is budgeted to raise CHF 100 000 during 2006 and also notes the positive action taken to build the reserves of the Scheme.

Decision 18/18 — *IECQ Budget 2006*

Acting on the IECQ Chairman's advice that no objections have been made by the IECQ CMC to the revised proposal, the CAB approves the IECQ budget for 2006 contained in document CAB/558/DV, noting that certificate fees are expected to raise CHF 25 000 in the budget year and that any surplus will be added to reserves.

Decision 18/19 — *IECQ Secretary*

On the recommendation of the IECQ Management Committee the CAB appoints Mr Chris Agius as Secretary of the IECQ, effective 1 September 2005. The CAB notes that Mr Agius will remain as Secretary of the IECEx, and that the two Secretariats will operate independently.

Decision 18/20 — *Appreciation for the Scheme reports*

The CAB expresses its appreciation to the Scheme Officers for their very informative reports on the activities of the Schemes and notes the positive progress in growth and development.

Decision 18/21 — *Conversion of IECEE CTL Guide 001 to a standard*

The CAB notes the support expressed by SMB members for the conversion of IECEE CTL Guide 001 to an IEC Guide relevant to the product TCs producing standards used in the IEC Schemes, and advises the SMB that IECEx and IECQ support the conversion and will both use the Guide as appropriate.

Decision 18/22 — *Cooperation with ISO/CASCO*

The CAB notes the continuing cooperation with CASCO, particularly with respect to the commenting and approval by IEC National Committees of CASCO standards and guides and participation in CASCO Working Groups, the CASCO Plenary and other groups, including the Chairman's Policy and Coordination Committee and the ILAC/IAF/ISO Joint Working Group.

Decision 18/23 — *CENELEC Conformity Assessment Forum (CCAF)*

The CAB expresses its appreciation to the CCAF Chairman for his report on the activity of CCAF and notes the action being undertaken by CCAF to address concerns expressed by some manufacturers about the value of European certification.

Decision 18/24 — *International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)*

The CAB notes the continuing positive cooperation with ILAC and its members and commends the efforts of the IECEE and IECEx to maximize the opportunities for joint assessments.

Decision 18/25 — *Cooperation with the International Accreditation Forum (IAF)*

Noting the agreements reached in the August 2005 meeting between IAF and CAB/Scheme representatives and the support of the proposals by the IAF membership, the CAB resolves to initiate cooperation with IAF and to approve the formation of a CAB/IAF Joint Technical Panel tasked with identifying the appropriate

areas for and benefits of future cooperation with IAF. The proposal will be made to IAF that five members from IEC and five from IAF should form the panel. The CAB requests each of the Schemes to nominate delegates to the joint Technical Panel. CAB members are requested to provide the leader of the IEC delegation with technical items which they consider necessary to discuss in the Panel. The CAB decides that in the initial stages policy issues should be handled by the CAB and IAF Chairmen.

Decision 18/26 — *Future CAB meetings*

The CAB notes that the next meeting is to be held in Geneva on 2006-05-12 with future meetings scheduled for 2006-09-26 in Berlin in conjunction with the IEC General Meeting and 2007-06-08 in Geneva.