The Twenty First Meeting of the ExMC

Held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on

**26th and 27st September 2019**

**List of Confirmed Decisions**

This document contains the list of Confirmed Decisions as recorded during the 2019 meeting of the IECEx Management Committee, ExMC, held in Dubai, UAE on 26th and 27th September 2019.

In noting that for the 2019 ExMC meeting, each Decision taken was displayed and agreed by the meeting, prior to considering the next agenda item, therefore the decisions as recorded in this document are listed as Confirmed Decisions.

Members are requested to note these confirmed decisions and the actions arising for these.

A formal set of minutes will be issued in due course seeking confirmation by the membership.

In noting these confirmed Decisions, we wish to thank all Members and Delegates for a most productive meeting and a special note of thanks to the UAE National Committee of IECEx for their excellent hosting.

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**MEETING CHAIR: Dr Thorsten Arnhold**, **Stahl (Germany), Chair IECEx**

***Confirmed Decision List***

**\*** *Items marked with an Asterisk were included as “Consent Agenda” items*

1. **OPENING AND WELCOME – Meeting commenced at 9.00am Thursday**

 **26th September 2019.**

* 1. **Introduction and Address by IECEx Chair – Dr Arnhold**
	2. **Address by the IEC Vice President - Mr Shawn Paulsen**

Decision 2019/01

The meeting appreciated an address from the IEC Vice President, Mr Shawn Paulsen and recorded our thanks for his attendance here today and for his ongoing support of the IECEx System.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**2.1 Approval of Draft Agenda**

Decision 2019/02

The meeting approved the draft agenda circulated as ExMC/1509A/DA with no additions

and also agreed that the following changes of order:

* Agenda Item 11 be discussed on Day #1
* ExMC/1541/CD, FR proposal be discussed under agenda item 20

**2.2 Approval of the Consent Agenda - Annex A**

The meeting considered items contained in the Consent Agenda as listed in Annex A

Decision 2019/03

The meeting approved all items listed in the Consent Agenda circulated as Annex A to ExMC/1509A/DA

**3 MINUTES OF THE LAST ExMC MEETING**

**3.1\*** **Confirmed Minutes of the last meeting held in Cannes, September 2018**

Refer Decision 2019/03

**3.2 Matters arising from these minutes**

**3.2.1** **Report on Actions arising from the 2018 ExMC Meeting**

Decision 2019/04

The meeting noted a report from the Secretariat on the actions arising from the 2018 Meeting in Cannes as circulated as ExMC/1448A/RM and ExMC/1530/R, Status of Action Items from the 2018 ExMC Meeting.

**3.2.2** **Other items**

Decision 2019/05

The meeting discussed the matter (not already included in the agenda) of the size of the meeting minutes arising from the 2018 ExMC Meeting and agreed that, in response to a comment from one Member Body, we continue with the minutes in the current format.

**4 OVERVIEW OF IECEx SYSTEM ACTIVITIES AND OFFICER POSITIONS**

**4.1 Annual Report Card**

Decision 2019/06

The meeting accepted the Secretariat’s report emphasising a number of the aspects detailed in ExMC/1499/R that contains an overview of the IECEx System activities and sustained year-by-year growth of the IECEx System.

**4.2 Nomination of IECEx Chair**

Decision 2019/07

The meeting noted at time of closing of call for nominations circulated as ExMC/1462/Inf, one nomination was received (as circulated as ExMC/1467/Inf), this being for Mr Meanwell from South Africa. The meeting then unanimously agreed on submitting Mr Meanwell as the ExMC nomination for IEC CAB approval as IECEx Chair to commence a first term of three years on 1st January 2020.

**4.3 Address from IECEx Chair Elect**

In appreciating the address from the Chair elect, No decision recorded.

### 5 REPORT ON IEC CAB (Conformity Assessment Board) MATTERS

Decision 2019/08

The meeting appreciated an address from the IEC Vice-President and CAB Chair, Mr Shawn Paulsen and expressed our thanks for his leadership and ongoing support of the IECEx System.

**5.1\*** **Review of Conformity Assessment Board (CAB) Decisions** **from CAB Meetings since the 2018 ExMC Meeting**

Refer Decision 2019/03

* 1. **Specific CAB Matters for noting by ExMC**
		1. **Noting of Specific Decisions, relating to IECEx from CAB Busan 2018 Meeting (CAB/1803/DL)**

No decision recorded.

* + 1. **Noting of Specific Decisions, relating to IECEx from CAB Geneva 2019 Meeting (CAB/1877/DL)**

No decision recorded.

**5.3\* IEC Conformity Assessment System’s Harmonised Basic Rules**

Refer Decision 2019/03

**5.4 Cyber Security**

Decision 2019/09

The Meeting accepted the report provided by Mr Amos (circulated as ExMC/1528/R) and noted CAB/1849/R as a report from CAB WG17, Cyber Security. The meeting also noted the work underway in the IECQ System.

**5.5 Report from CAB WG18 Business Opportunities**

Decision 2019/10

The meeting accepted the report from CAB WG18 (circulated as CAB/1814B/RV) and the Excel Spreadsheet report of a “Business watch” list as prepared by WG18 (as circulated as CAB/1814B/R). The meeting then agreed that the CAB WG18 report and the business watch list be referred to ExMC WG13, “Business development” for their consideration of items identified as opportunities for IECEx.

**5.6 Any other CAB Matters**

No Decision recorded

6 IECEx MEMBERSHIP

**6.1\* Current Membership**

Refer Decision 2019/03

**6.2 Country Membership Matters**

**6.2.1 Possible new Countries to join - Update from the Secretariat**

Decision 2019/11

The meeting noted an update from the Secretariat regarding possible new Countries interested in joining the IECEx System membership. The meeting also welcomed the delegates from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia present at this meeting.

**6.2.2 Industry and Stakeholder Involvement + IEC CA 01 Requirements**

Decision 2019/12

The meeting accepted a report (circulated as ExMC/1531/R) from the Secretariat on the outcomes of a July 2019 survey of IECEx Member Bodies in support of the requirement of IEC CA 01 for Member Bodies to report annually on their representation and engagement of stakeholders at the national level. The meeting also noted the current review within IEC CAB WG11.

**6.3\* Acceptance of New ExCBs / ExTLs accepted, via correspondence, since the 2018 ExMC Meeting.**

Refer Decision 2019/03

**6.4\* Applications for Extension of Scope, accepted since the 2018 ExMC Meeting.**

Refer Decision 2019/03

### 6.5IECEx Executive

Decision 2019/13

The meeting accepted the report (circulated as ExMC/1512/R) from the IECEx Chairman on the activities of the IECEx Executive in particular the review of Roles and Responsibilities assigned to the Executive as detailed in IECEx OD 002.

Decision 2019/14

The meeting agreed that there is a need to conduct more focused marketing of the IECEx System and accepted the proposal from the IECEx Executive to convene a Marketing Working Group (under the convenorship of Prof Dr Arnhold) via a call for experts.

**6.6 Any other changes including applications**

No Decision recorded.

### 7 IECEx ASSESSMENTS OF ExCBs AND ExTLs

**7.1 Status on surveillance of accepted ExCBs and ExTLs**

Decision 2019/15

# The meeting accepted a verbal report from the IECEx Secretary on the status of surveillance of accepted ExCBs and ExTLs.

**7.2\* IECEx 5 year Re-Assessment**

Refer Decision 2019/03

**7.3** **New IECEx Assessment Group, ExAG -** **Technical Reference Group for Assessment of ExCBs and ExTLs**

Decision 2019/16

The meeting

* accepted a report from the ExAG Convenor, Dr Munro as circulated as ExMC/1493/R,
* noted the publication of IECEx 06 and Edition 3.0 of IECEx OD 032
* approved ExAG Recommendations #1, #2 and #3
* noted the current work covered by Recommendation #4
* noted current considerations within ExAG regarding Recommendation #5 and supported further development in this direction

8 IECEx CERTIFIED EQUIPMENT SCHEME, IECEx 02

**8.1\* Listing of Current IECEx 02 Scheme ExCBs and ExTLs**

Refer Decision 2019/03

**8.2 ExTAG MATTERS**

**8.2.1 Report from 2019 ExTAG Meeting**

Decision 2019/17

The meeting accepted a report from Prof Xu Jianping, ExTAG Chairman on the 2019 ExTAG (Ex Testing and Assessment Group) Meeting and associated ExTAG Training Workshop as published as *ExTAG(Dubai/ExTAGChairman)06*. The meeting then approved all ExTAG Recommendations to the ExMC as detailed in *ExTAG(Dubai/ExTAGChairman)06*.

**8.2.2 ExTAG Officer Positions – ExTAG Secretary**

Decision 2019/18

The meeting noted that the current ExTAG Secretary Mr Julian Gauthier from LCIE of FR will complete his current five year term at the end of 2019. The meeting then supported the ExTAG recommendation that, to be consistent with other IECEx Committees, this role be changed to ExTAG Deputy Chair (noting that this will require a revision of Clause 8 of IECEx 01-S and Clause 4 of IECEx 02).

Decision 2019/19

The meeting then agreed on the IECEx Secretariat assuming the responsibilities of the ExTAG Secretary until the ExTAG Deputy Chair position is finalised.

**8.2.3 Operational Document OD 024 – ExTAG Report to ExMC concerning the**

 **updating of OD 024 in light of work conducted within the ExTAG WG6**

 **Working Group.**

Decision 2019/20

The meeting considered ExTAG/553/CD (as prepared by ExTAG WG6 and endorsed by the 2019 ExTAG Meeting) and then agreed for this to proceed to publication as the revised edition of IECEx OD 024.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

8.2.4 Operational Document OD 202 – ExTAG Report to ExMC concerning the updating of OD 202 IECEx Proficiency Testing Program in light of work conducted within the ExTAG.

Decision 2019/21

The meeting accepted a report on the IECEx Proficiency Testing Program from Dr Lienesch on behalf of the ExTAG WG10 Convenor, Mr Tim Krause as circulated as ExTAG/574/CD.

Decision 2019/22

The meeting considered and then approved (subject to the inclusion of the US proposal ExMC/1542/CD) the publication of the revision of IECEx OD 202 as circulated as ExTAG/574/CD.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

**8.2.5 Revision of OD 035 - Process for the preparation and approval of Decision Sheets.**

Decision 2019/23

The meeting considered and then approved the publication of the revision of IECEx OD 035 as circulated as ExMC/1514/DV subject to the inclusion of the changes recommended by the 2019 ExTAG meeting and supported by IEC TC31, with an editorial review to be undertaken by the Secretariat.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

**8.2.6\* Proposed new IECEx Operational Document covering Optical Radiation**

Refer Decision 2019/03

**8.2.7 US proposal calling for a Revision to IECEx Operational Document OD 012 – Measurement Uncertainty**

Decision 2019/24

The meeting agreed to a request from US (ExMC/1515/CD) calling for a revision to IECEx OD 012 and any other matters related to OD 012 and to reactivate ExTAG WG4 with additional members invited to assist the Convenor (Mr Stubbings or his replacement). Secretariat to issue a call for membership.

**8.2.8 Any other ExTAG Matters**

Nil - no Decision recorded.

**8.3 Report from Working Group ExMC WG1 – IECEx Rules**

Decision 2019/25

The meeting accepted the ExMC WG1 report contained in Document ExMC/1488/R.

8.3.1 Proposed Amendment to IECEx 02

Decision 2019/26

The meeting approved the amendment to IECEx 02 (circulated as ExMC/1517/DV) incorporating the editorial changes, re change “any” to “assigned” in the tables on page 7, raised by the ExTAG Chairman and requested ExMC WG1 to review definitions for a future amendment.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

8.3.2 Proposed Amendment to Operational Document OD 009

Decision 2019/27

The meeting agreed for the publication of the revision of IECEx OD 009 as circulated as ExMC/1518/DV.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

**8.3.3 Guide for IECEx Certification Bodies when dealing with Significant IECEx Changes to Business continuity**

Decision 2019/28

The meeting approved the publication of the content of ExMC/1519A/CD as an IECEx Operational Document. This matter is to also be raised with IEC CAB for possible use in other IEC CA Systems.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

#### **8.4 ExMC WG2 - Development of Technical Capability Documents**

Decision 2019/29

The meeting accepted a report (circulated as ExMC/1494/R) on the work of ExMC WG2 from the Convenor, Ms Katy Holdredge.

Decision 2019/30

The meeting considered and then approved the publication of the revision of IECEx TCD as circulated as ExMC/1520/DV incorporating the change to 8.2.2 of ISO 80079-36 to remove the asterisk. Noting that an editorial review of referenced Standards titles to be conducted.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

**8.5 Report from Working Group ExMC WG5 – Quality System Requirements**

Decision 2019/31

The meeting accepted a report (circulated as ExMC/1487/R) on the work of ExMC WG5 from the Convenor, Mr Roy Teather and endorsed ExMC WG5 Recommendation #1.

Decision 2019/32

The meeting agreed with the ExMC WG5 Convenor proposal to conduct, in consultation with the Secretariat a webinar to better explain the use of F-001.

**8.6 Other matters relating to the IECEx Certified Equipment Scheme**

No Decision recorded.

1. IECEx CONFORMITY MARK LICENSE SYSTEM, IECEx 04
	1. Current List of IECEx Mark Licenses issuing ExCBs

Decision 2019/33

The meeting noted and accepted the list of currently accepted IECEx Conformity Mark Licence issuing ExCBs @ <https://www.iecex.com/information/excbs/conformity-mark/>

* 1. Report from the IECEx Marks Committee Chairman, Mr Timothy Duffy

Decision 2019/34

The meeting accepted the ExMarkCo report contained in Document ExMC/1508/R and the message from the ExMarkCo Chair, as read out by the Chairman. The meeting further noted that there are no current IECEx Conformity Mark misuse matters that require IEC CAB attention.

* 1. New concepts regarding the IECEx TradeMark and IECEx Conformity Mark.

Decision 2019/35

The meeting considered the content of the discussion paper circulated as ExMC/1521/CD- *Concepts of New Approach for the IECEx Logo/ Trademark and IECEx Conformity Mark plus better integration with the IECEx Certified Equipment Scheme* and supported Proposal Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 outlined in ExMC/1521/CD and further requests ExMarkCo to continue its work towards streamlining access to the IECEx Conformity Mark and its practical use eg. shading, laser etc and use with small products.

* 1. Current ExMarkCo Membership vacancies

Decision 2019/36

The Meeting noted the vacancies (according to ExMarkCo/010Q/Inf) in ExMarkCo membership as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **# of Members** | **Group represented** | **# of Vacancies** |
| 3 | Regulatory interests | 3 |
| 1 | Training Providers | 1 |

* 1. **Notifications of misuse of the IECEx Conformity Mark.**

No Decision recorded.

* 1. Other Matters relating to the IECEx Conformity Mark System

No Decision recorded.

10 CERTIFIED SERVICE FACILITIES SCHEME – IECEx 03 series

**10.1 Listing of ExCBs – According to IECEx 03 series, Certified Service Facility Scheme**

Decision 2019/37

The Meeting noted and accepted the current IECEx 03 Scheme ExCBs as listed at <https://www.iecex.com/information/excbs/service-facilities/>

**10.2 Report from the ExSFC Chairman**

Decision 2019/38

The meeting accepted the ExSFC report as circulated as ExMC/1495/R and agreed with all ExSFC Recommendations.

* 1. **Proposed Revision to IECEx 03-5 IECEx Certified Service Facilities Scheme - Part 5 – Repair, overhaul and reclamation of Ex equipment –IECEx Certified Service Facilities – Rules of Procedure**

Decision 2019/39

The meeting considered and then approved the publication of the revision of IECEx 03-5 as circulated as ExMC/1496/DV.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

* 1. **Proposed Revision to IECEx OD 314-5, IECEx Certified Service Facilities Scheme Part 5: Repair, overhaul and reclamation of Ex equipment Additional requirements for IECEx Service Facilities involved in the repair, overhaul and reclamation of Ex equipment**

Decision 2019/40

The meeting considered and then approved the publication of the revision of IECEx OD 314-5 as circulated as ExMC/1497/DV.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

* 1. **Proposed Revision to IECEx OD 313-5, IECEx Certified Service Facilities Scheme – Part 5: Repair, overhaul and reclamation of Ex equipment Assessment and Certification of Service Facilities involved in the repair, overhaul and reclamation of Ex equipment – Procedures**

Decision 2019/41

The meeting considered and then approved the publication of the revision of IECEx OD 313-5 as circulated as ExMC/1498/DV.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

11 IECEx CERTIFICATE OF PERSONNEL COMPETENCE SCHEME, IECEx 05

**11.1 Report from the ExPCC Chairman**

Decision 2019/42

The meeting accepted the report from the ExPCC Chair, Mr Peter Thurnherr (circulated as ExMC/1500/R).

The meeting also agreed to assign the Secretariat the tasks of

1. reviewing the IECEx website with respect to the location of ExPCC Decision Sheets and
2. the investigation of IT tools to support the Question Bank

{Secretariat Note: New provisions for the location of ExPCC Decision Sheets on the IECEx website, according to item 1, were introduced by the end of the meeting}

11.2 Revised Edition of IECEx OD 502

Decision 2019/43

The meeting considered and then approved the publication of the revision of IECEx OD 502 as circulated as ExMC/1501/DV.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

11.3 Any Other Matters relating to IECEx CoPC Scheme

No Decision recorded

12 IECEx SYSTEM – GENERAL MATTERS

12.1 IEC / ILAC / IAF Cooperation

Decision 2019/44

The Meeting noted a verbal report from the IECEx Secretariat regarding IEC/ILAC/IAF Cooperation.

12.2 OIML / IECEx Cooperation

No decision recorded.

12.2.1 Address on behalf of OIML President, Dr Roman Schwartz

Decision 2019/45

The meeting appreciated an address from Mr Paul Dixon on behalf of the OIML President, Dr Roman Schwartz and noted our thanks for the OIML participation in this meeting.

12.2.2 Report on formation of a Joint Working Group between IECEx and OIML

Decision 2019/46

The Meeting noted a report from Mr Dixon on the recent activities of the Joint Working Group between IECEx and OIML that was established to explore synergies and areas where the two organisations maybe able to cooperate with the aim of making use of existing systems and practices in order to reduce cost and time to market for manufacturers of Ex equipment covered by both IECEx and OIML-CS Certification schemes. The meeting supports the continued work of this JWG.

12.3 Any other General Matters

No Decision recorded

13 WORKING GROUP REPORTS – NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

#### **13.1**  **ExMC WG8 Regulatory Recognition**

Decision 2019/47

The meeting accepted a report (as circulated as ExMC/1491/R) on the work of ExMC WG8 and endorsed ExMC WG8’s Recommendations #1 and #2.

Decision 2019/48

The meeting approved the publication of an informative guide based on the content of ExMC/1540/Inf.

13.2 ExMC WG 13 - Business Development

Decision 2019/49

The meeting

* accepted a report (as circulated as ExMC/1490/R) on the work of ExMC WG13
* endorsed ExMC WG13’s Recommendations #1, #2 and #3 and
* noted that there is a need for the Secretariat to explain the expectation of ExCBs with respect to the promotion of the IECEx System (noting the requirements of ISO/IEC 17065).

**14 REPORT FROM IEC TC 31**

Decision 2019/50

The Meeting accepted, with thanks, the IEC TC 31 report on IEC TC 31 activities and work since the last ExMC Meeting contained in Document ExMC(Dubai/TC31 Chair)03 as presented by the IEC TC 31 Chairman, Mr Mark Coppler.

Decision 2019/51

The AU delegation agreed to prepare a proposal regarding their concerns with the future revision of IEC 60079-6 with respect to voltage ranges.

**15 REGIONAL REPORTS**

Decision 2019/52

The Meeting accepted a report from Mr Thierry Houeix, the Vice Chairman of the European Notified Bodies Group for ATEX, ExNB provided as ExMC(Dubai/ExNB)04 and noted his comment about their commitment to continue to cooperate with the IECEx System.

Decision 2019/53

The Meeting accepted a verbal report from Brazil regarding changes to regulations, the details of which will be outlined in a document to be posted as a Green Paper from this meeting.

{Secretariat Note: Document “ExMC(Dubai/BR)06” , issued on the IECEx 2019 Meeting website under “Green Paper Documents” contains the BR report}

Decision 2019/54

The Meeting accepted a verbal report from the US delegation covering regulatory, Standards and Certification aspects and concerning changes in new OSHA Regulations.

Decision 2019/55

The Meeting appreciated a report provided as ExMC(Dubai/CN)05 regarding regulations in the Peoples’ Republic of China for certification and accreditation.

Decision 2019/56

The Meeting noted the various reports concerning some of the changes to national scheme requirements and agreed to the following:

1. Secretariat to conduct a general survey of Member country scheme requirements
2. The continued dialogue between the IECEx Secretariat and Member Bodies regarding the alignment of IECEx and national scheme requirements

16 FINANCE

**16.1 Accounts and Budgets**

**16.1.1****Approval of the 2018 Audited Accounts**

Decision 2019/57

The meeting, in noting the 2018 Audited Accounts in Document ExMC/1473/DV, approved that they be referred to IEC CAB for acceptance.

**In favour:** AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IN, IT, JP, KR, MY, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SA, SI, TR, UAE, USA, ZA

**Objections:** Nil

**Absent:** GR, IL, SE, SG, NZ

**Abstaining:** Nil

**16.1.2\* Approved 2020 Budget**

Refer Decision 2019/03

**16.2 IECEx 2022 Forecasted Draft Budget Guide**

Decision 2019/58

Members, in noting that a final draft budget for 2021 will be prepared following the end of year results for 2019, taking into account ExMC Members decisions during the 2019 Dubai meeting and issued for ExMC approval early in 2020 and considering the 2021 / 2022 Outlook contained in Document ExMC/1481/Inf, agreed that it can be used as guidance when preparing the draft formal budget for 2021 for approval by ExMC and IEC CAB.

**16.3\* IECEx System Participation Fees**

Refer Decision 2019/03

### 17 REVIEW OF CURRENT ExMC WORKING GROUPS (ExMC WGs)

No Decision recorded

### 18 OTHER BUSINESS

No Decision recorded

## 19 REPORT TO CAB

No Decision recorded

**20 NEXT MEETING**

Decision 2019/59

The meeting noted the confirmed invitations from the following ExMC Members and considered future venues beyond 2023 for Annual Meetings.

2020: Canada (Niagara Falls) with dates to be finalised

2021: Japan (30 August – 3rd September)

2022: United Kingdom (12-16th September in Edinburgh)

2023: Brazil

Decision 2019/60

The meeting agreed that the scheduling of IECEx Annual Meetings should be in middle to late September of each year.

### 21 CLOSE OF MEETING

Decision 2019/61

The meeting thanked his Excellency, the Director General and the ESMA team for their excellent hosting of this meeting.

The generosity of the sponsors that have made the success of our meetings possible are also acknowledged with our thanks.