



**Conclusions of the
Seminar
on the
OIML Mutual Acceptance
Arrangement (MAA)**

7 October 2013

Session 4 (16.00h - 17.30h)

Session 4 will be dedicated to draw consensus conclusions from the discussions in the seminar and suggest draft resolutions for consideration by the 48th CIML Meeting.

Chaired by:

- **Peter Mason**, CIML President
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Conclusions of the MAA seminar

- **Confidence in the existing MAA system appears to be high**
- **Raising awareness about the MAA system: Information, benefits,... (e.g. through RLMO's)**
- **Rethink the role of Utilizing Participants with the aim that all Members are able to accept MAA Certificates**
- **CPR: Structure (one CPR?), operation, regular meetings, simplify the rules?**
- **Phasing out the Basic Certificate system**

Draft Resolutions for consideration by the 48th CIML Meeting

Draft Resolution 1:

The Committee,

- Noting the oral report by its first Vice-President on the outcome of the seminar to review the operation of the OIML Mutual Acceptance Arrangement (MAA),
- Considering that the MAA's Committees on Participation Review (CPR) decide on their own rules and procedures within the framework set by OIML Publication B 10 (Framework for a Mutual Acceptance Arrangement on OIML type evaluations),
- Considering that a number of MAA participants find these rules and procedures no longer adequate to ensure an efficient operation of the MAA and that this may hamper the further extension of the system,
- Urges the CPRs to review the rules and procedures governing the operation of the MAA with a view to increase the efficiency of the operation of the MAA, to amend their internal documents (in particular MAA 01) accordingly, and to suggest appropriate amendments to OIML Publication B 10,
- Instructs the BIML in its capacity as secretariat of the MAA CPRs to set up an ad-hoc working group consisting of interested CPR members to conduct the review, and to provide secretarial support to this working group,
- Requests its first Vice-President to chair this ad-hoc working group and to report on its activities to the 49th CIML Meeting.

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Draft Resolution 2:

The Committee,

- Recalling its decision on the implementation of the MAA in its 39th meeting (2004);
- Recalling Resolution no. MAA 2006-2 of its 41st meeting concerning a transitory period ending 31 December 2008 in which both MAA certificates and Basic certificates may be issued;
- Recalling Resolution no. 20 of its 43rd meeting (2008), extending the transitory period until such time that the Committee takes an express decision (separate for each category of instruments) to end it, effectively maintaining the Basic Certificate System in parallel to the MAA;
- Recalling the conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding on the 13th of October 2011 with the IEC, pertaining to the cooperation between the OIML and the IEC in matters of conformity assessment and in other matters;
- Considering that for almost nine years now there exist de facto two OIML conformity assessment systems for OIML type evaluations: the OIML Basic Certificate System and the MAA, but that, instead, the MAA was conceived to replace the Basic Certificate System;
- ...

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Draft Resolution 2 (cont.):

- ...
- Resolves that steps should be taken to ensure that, in future, there will be only one single certification system for OIML type evaluations, based on the principles of the MAA, and that, as a first step, the CPRs should be requested to investigate options and make recommendations on how such a single system should be organized, taking into account the experiences of similar, well established certification systems, in particular the IEC conformity assessment systems for electro-technical equipment;
 - Instructs the BIML in its capacity as secretariat of the MAA CPRs and as the liaison with the IEC, to set up an ad-hoc working group consisting of interested CPR members and external experts to make appropriate recommendations, and to provide secretarial support to this working group,
 - Requests its first Vice-President to chair this ad-hoc working group and to report on its activities to the 49th CIML Meeting.

OIML MAA seminar



Many thanks to...

- ... all speakers for their presentations and valuable input**
- ... those who contributed to the discussions**
- ... those who have made the MAA a success up to now**
- ... those who will contribute to make the MAA even more successful in the future**
- ... the hosts and organizers of this seminar!**