

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**FEDERAL ACCREDITATION SERVICE (RusAccreditation),  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**AND**

**QUALITY COUNCIL OF INDIA (QCI),  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**CONCERNING**

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION ON ACCREDITATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made between the Federal Accreditation Service (RusAccreditation), Russian Federation

And

Quality Council of India (QCI), Government of India (the nodal body for Accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies, comprising of : National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion and National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), Department of Science and Technology) hereinafter individually referred to as "Party" and collectively referred to as "Parties";

Aiming to exchange relevant information and achieve a mutual recognition of results of accreditation activities;

Taking into account the international standards of the series ISO/IEC 17000 and other international documents in the field of accreditation;

Seeking to expand the cooperation in the field of accreditation;

Appreciating the contribution of the dissemination and effective application of the best practices in accreditation;

Have reached the following understanding:

- I. The subject of the present MoU is informational, analytical and organizational interaction of the Parties on the issues of accreditation of conformity assessment bodies and other issues of mutual interest. The Parties are keen to develop mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of accreditation within the scope of competence and in accordance with the domestic legislation of the Parties in force.
- II. Cooperation of the Parties should be based on the principles and regulations used by international and regional accreditation organizations.
- III. Within the framework of this MoU, the Parties should organize the exchange of information of mutual interest dealing with the practice of accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.
- IV. The Parties should contribute to the:
  - development of accreditation systems of the Parties in accordance with internationally recognized principles and standards;
  - sharing of information related with accreditation and recognition of test reports issued by accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies with equal reliability and creation of conditions for the elimination of technical barriers in trade;
  - cooperation with international, regional and national accreditation bodies;

- V. The Parties should consult each other on issues within the scope of its competence as well as carry out joint working meetings, thematic workshops and conferences in order to work out proposals on issues of mutual interest.
- VI. The Parties should cooperate in the procedures of training and professional development of the personnel of accreditation bodies, exchange of specialists and obtaining information regarding the functioning of accreditation systems.
- VII. The Parties could take part in process of accreditation and surveillance of accredited conformity assessment bodies as well as share assessors /technical experts by either party with special arrangement determined by mutual consent.
- VIII. The Parties agree to share information on accredited proficiency testing programs available in each country and encourage participation of conformity assessment bodies in such programs with special arrangements determined by mutual consent.
- IX. Information received under this MoU could be transferred to the third parties or published only with the consent of the Party in writing that has provided it.
- X. Activity in the field of accreditation of one of the Parties on the territory of the other Party should be carried out in accordance with accepted International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation and International Accreditation Forum principles related to the cross-border accreditation.
- XI. This MoU will be effective from the date of its signature.

This MoU does not create any rights and obligations for the Parties governed by international law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments have signed this MoU.

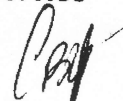
Signed in N. Delhi (venue) on 11 Dec 14 (date) in three originals; in English, Russian and Hindi languages. In case of any divergence in interpretation, text of English language shall prevail.

For Quality Council of India



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Chairman

For the Federal Accreditation  
Service



Savva Shipov  
Head