

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**FOR COOPERATION RELATING TO CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE KOREA LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME**  
**OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**  
**AND**  
**ORGANISMO NACIONAL DE ACREDITACIÓN DE COLOMBIA**  
**OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA**

The Korea Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (hereinafter "KOLAS") and Organismo Nacional De Acreditación De Colombia (hereinafter "ONAC"), hereinafter referred to as "the Sides"

**Desiring** to promote mutual interests through cooperation in the field of accreditation and conformity assessment on the basis of equality and mutual benefits,

**Recognizing** that such cooperation will promote improvement of performance in activities and support the friendly relationship between the Sides

Have agreed as follows:

**Paragraph 1. Objectives**

The Sides, subject to the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and their laws, rules, regulations and national policies, seek to strengthen, promote and develop cooperation between the Sides in the fields of accreditation, conformity assessment and other areas that may be jointly decided upon by the Sides

**Paragraph 2. Activities**

The cooperation may include, in particular, the followings:



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- (a) Visit and exchange of staffs, assessors and/or technical experts on accreditation and conformity assessment(especially ISO/IEC 17034, ISO/IEC 17043);
- (b) Exchange of information and publications on accreditation and conformity assessment;
- (c) Exchange of staffs, assessors and/or technical experts to study experience in the field of accreditation and conformity assessment;
- (d) Organize and participate in conferences, symposia, courses, workshops, exhibitions and other relevant activities of mutual interest;
- (e) Develop joint training/education program to enhance competence in accreditation and conformity assessment; and
- (f) Any other areas that may be jointly decided upon by the Sides.

**Paragraph 3. Provisions**

The provisions of this MoU, if necessary, will be specified in details by the Sides



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**Paragraph 4. Implementation**

The dispute related to interpretation and fulfillment of this MoU will be settled by mutual negotiations on various levels.

**Paragraph 5. Source of Funding**

The expenses incurred in connection with the cooperative activities under this MoU will be covered in accordance with the terms mutually agreed upon by the Sides and subject to budgetary availability of the Sides. The activities' financing provisions will be jointly decided upon in writing by the Sides prior to the start of the activities.

**Paragraph 6. Confidentiality**

1. Each Side will observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received from the other Side or generated during the period of the implementation of this MoU or any other arrangement made pursuant to this MoU
2. The provisions of this Paragraph will continue to apply to the Sides notwithstanding the termination of this MoU
3. Subparagraphs 1 and 2 will not apply to information in the public domain, information in the possession of the receiving Side prior to the disclosure of



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the said information by the other Side; information which is independently developed by a Side; information which is rightfully received by the receiving Side from third Sides without accompanying secrecy obligations; and information which is required to be disclosed under an order of court or under any applicable law.

**Paragraph 7. Legal Effect**

This MoU does not create any binding legal relationship or obligations between the Sides

**Paragraph 8. Entry into Effect and Termination**

1. By mutual agreement and in writing, the Sides may terminate this MoU at any time, without any liability between Sides.
2. This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years, which will be automatically renewed, if neither part states otherwise in writing with a minimum notice of three (3) months.



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**Date : 27th. May. 2021.**

**Date : 26th. May. 2021.**

**Place : Eumseong**

**Place : Bogotá D.C.**