

## EU membership and Eurachem membership

The following Resolution was approved with by the Eurachem General Assembly in May 2018:

Noting that:

- The Eurachem MOU currently requires that Full members of Eurachem be members of the EU or EFTA or be EU Accession States;
- Proposed changes to membership of the EU will, if implemented, change the eligibility of one or more established Eurachem members for Full membership;
- Current Eurachem procedure does not include provisions for the effect of changes in EU membership on Eurachem member status
- It is desirable that Eurachem members with substantial and sustained contribution to Eurachem should be able to influence Eurachem policy through a voting right at the general assembly:

This General Assembly resolves that

1. A new clause shall be added to the Eurachem MOU as follows:

1.4.4 The General Assembly may, subject to criteria agreed in accordance with Section 1.8, confer Full membership on an Associate member which has made a substantial and sustained contribution to the work of Eurachem.

2. Pursuant to Section 1.8 of the Eurachem MOU, the following criteria and arrangements shall apply to grants of Full membership under clause 1.4.4 of the Eurachem MOU:

- a) The member shall have been a full or associate member of Eurachem for a minimum of ten full calendar years prior to application for exceptional Full membership under clause 1.4.4
- b) Applications or proposals (see d) for change of membership status shall be made in writing to the Secretariat.
- c) Applications or proposals shall include evidence of sustained and substantial commitment to Eurachem work, which should include regular participation in the Eurachem GA and sustained participation in Eurachem working groups.
- d) Appointment to Full membership shall require the approval of two thirds of the Full members of the GA.
- e) A minimum of 30 days notice shall be given of any proposal to appoint an associate member to Full membership, such notice to include the evidence provided on application. At the sole discretion of the Executive, voting may proceed by correspondence or by electronic means.
- f) Any Full member of the GA may propose that an existing Associate member organisation be granted the status of Full member.

- g) Full membership that has been conferred by the GA on an Associate member that is not otherwise eligible for Full membership may be withdrawn by the GA subject to: i) a minimum of 30 days' notice to the member affected of any vote; ii) right of the member to appear at the GA meeting considering the proposal and iii) support of two thirds of other Full members for withdrawing Full membership.

3. In order to clarify the timing of changes in membership that may follow from changes in eligibility, the following provisions shall apply in the event of changes in eligibility for Full membership as described at clause 1.4.1 of the Eurachem MOU:

- a) Full membership shall revert to Associate membership if the criteria for Full membership set out in clause 1.4.1 cease to apply;
- b) Where an existing Associate member becomes eligible for Full membership as a result of their country joining the EU<sup>1</sup> or EFTA, Full membership shall be granted on a provisional basis from the date of becoming eligible for Full membership, and shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of GA members present at the following General Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> Including change in status equivalent to becoming an 'accession state' as defined in the Eurachem MOU