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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

- 1.1.1 Technical Committee 2 is the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated permanent committee that focuses on matters relating to the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies performing inspection activities.
- 1.1.2 This document defines the terms of reference for the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Technical Committee 2.

1.2 Scope

- 1.2.1 This document applies to members of Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated that provide or have an interest in accreditation in the field of inspection.
- 1.2.2 These terms of reference should be read in conjunction with Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated-GOV-008 *Permanent Committees and Subordinate Groups*.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 2.1 Technical Committee 2 is responsible for the harmonisation and improvement of accreditation practices for inspection activities at the international level. Its main aim is to facilitate harmonised implementation of ISO/IEC 17011 and consistent application of ISO/IEC 17020 in the field of accreditation of inspection bodies in order to achieve mutual recognition of inspection reports and/or certificates issued by inspection bodies accredited by signatories to the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MRA).
- 2.2 In accordance with Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated-GOV-008, Technical Committee 2 may establish subordinate groups to deal with specific topics that are within the terms of reference of the Committee. The Committee may also establish groups of relevant interested parties to develop required application documents.

2.3 Responsibilities of Technical Committee 2

- 2.3.1 Define criteria and standards and harmonise practices to build consistency in accreditation of inspection bodies.
- 2.3.2 Develop, maintain and revise as appropriate Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated documents on the application of standards, guides and similar documents to ensure the consistent application of conformity assessment standards used in the field of inspection.
- 2.3.3 Ensure consistency among the various application documents prior to recommending them to Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated's eligible voting members for approval.
- 2.3.4 Monitor the development of accreditation standards and similar material outside Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated and determine where Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated should take account of and/or participate in such work.

- 2.3.5 Make recommendations concerning the practical application of Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated documents, including issues arising from the implementation of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated MRA.
- 2.3.6 Assist Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated in the development and maintenance of arrangements for the mutual recognition of inspection reports and/or certificates issued by inspection bodies accredited by signatories to the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated MRA, ensuring that such arrangements are relevant to the needs of users of such reports and/or certificates.
- 2.3.7 Assist Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated to promote the international recognition of such (MRA) arrangements by users of inspection reports and/or certificates.
- 2.3.8 Strive to ensure that the international inspection accreditation infrastructure meets the needs of all interested parties seeking competent inspection services.
- 2.3.9 Encourage and assist accreditation bodies to satisfy the needs of their domestic markets and to achieve full international recognition of inspection reports and/or certificates prepared by accredited inspection bodies.
- 2.3.10 Develop and maintain a close relationship with the other Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated permanent committees to ensure smooth communication and collaboration.
- 2.3.11 Cooperate with Regional Cooperation Bodies as the means of ensuring that inspection body accreditation bodies throughout the world have adequate opportunities to participate in the work of inspection body accreditation and the raising of standards of inspection body performance.
- 2.3.12 Assist Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated to conduct seminars and conferences and to encourage research related to inspection.
- 2.3.13 Discuss and prepare decisions, opinions and resolutions on issues of common interest across conformity assessment activities within its scope.
- 2.3.14 Provide clear and timely answers to questions from members and maintain a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) to support transparency and knowledge sharing.
- 2.3.15 Maintain liaisons with relevant stakeholders, including scheme owners.

2.4 Meetings

Technical Committee 2 shall generally meet annually in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting of Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated. However, as needed, it may conduct its work through virtual meetings or correspondence.

3. AMENDMENT TABLE

Section	Previous Version	Summary Of Changes
All	-	New issue of the establishment of Global

		Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated
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