

Multilateral Agreement on the Mutual Recognition of Accreditation Results regarding Joint Programmes (MULTRA)

Annex 1: Admission Procedure

The admission procedure can be further developed and amended during the JOQAR project that will test and evaluate the steps of the procedure.

The ECA Management Group (MG) should function as “coordination point” for the admission procedure.

The requirement to sign the agreement is:

a) The interested agency must have a valid bilateral recognition agreement

or

b) The interested agency must have a recent (not older than 5 years) external evaluation against the ESG criteria, the ECA Code of Good Practice or against a set of standards that can be considered as equivalent. The ECA MG decides on the fulfillment of this criterion by checking the submitted documents. If this requirement is met then the ECA MG nominates two observers (who are members of a MULTRA agency) to carry out an on-site-observation. One observer should join a site-visit of a programme accreditation procedure, the other one should get evidence of the accreditation practice through discussions with the agency’s representatives. The observers use an observation format (Annex 2) and should conclude their report with a recommendation. The MG formally checks the observation report and forwards the report including a decision proposal to the MULTRA members.

As a rule the costs of the observation (travel and accommodation) are covered by the interested agency.

Consensus of all signatory parties is needed for admission of new members.