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## INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

### IEC BOARD (IB)

#### SUBJECT

Confirmed IB decisions taken at IB meetings or by correspondence in 2024

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### IB DECISION 2024/01 *(by correspondence)*

#### Smart Task Force membership

The IEC Board approved the appointment of Mr Damian Czarny (Germany) as member of the IB Task Force (TF) on SMART Standardization and Conformity Assessment.

### IB DECISION 2024/02

#### Diversity and Key Competency Guidance

The IEC Board endorsed the updated Diversity and Key Competency Guidance for the Conformity Assessment Board, the Governance Review and Audit Committee, the Market Strategy Board, and the Standardization Management Board and approved the Diversity and Key Competency Guidance for the IEC Board, Business Advisory Committee and the Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC) as described in document **IB/284/R**.

The IEC Board encouraged DAC to establish a Working Group to provide gender diversity guidance to National Committees and requested DAC to include in its future planning the development of meeting guidance on diversity and inclusion, including for the LGBTQ+ community.

Taking into account the recommendation from DAC, the IEC Board also tasked the IEC Forum to discuss how to increase data regarding stakeholder categories and supported the creation of a DAC Working Group to tailor the stakeholder category definitions and sub-categories to correspond to the IEC community, including the conformity assessment community.

### IB DECISION 2024/03

#### Proposed amendments to the IEC Statutes and Rules of Procedure

The IEC Board approved the proposed 2023 edition of the IEC SROP as provided in Annex 2 to IB/282/DV with some further refinement of the text regarding a stipend for the IEC President in line with the IEC Board discussion, for circulation to the IEC Board for review prior to circulation to the General Assembly for approval at its 2024 meeting.

The IEC Board tasked the Secretariat to organize a consultation with the IEC National Committees, via the IEC Forum, prior to circulating the proposal to the General Assembly.

#### **IB DECISION 2024/04**

##### **Updates to the risk management framework**

The IEC Board welcomes the updates to the risk management framework, including the risk management procedure and noted the risk appetite statement, as provided in document **IB/283/DV**.

#### **IB DECISION 2024/05**

##### **GA voting by electronic means in 2024**

Recalling IB DECISION 2023/08 to enable remote participation for governance meetings at the 2024 General Meeting, the IEC Board further decided to enable voting by electronic means at the 2024 IEC General Assembly meeting.

#### **IB DECISION 2024/06**

##### **Location and dates of the 2025 General Meeting**

With deep gratitude to the Indian National Committee and recognizing the support from the Israeli National Committee, the IEC Board decided to circulate the invitation from the Indian National Committee to host the 2025 General Meeting in New Delhi, India, from 15 to 19 September to the General Assembly for approval by correspondence.

#### **IB DECISION 2024/07**

##### **MSB Chair appointment process**

The IEC Board confirmed the process for the Market Strategy Board (MSB) Chair appointment as follows:

- The IEC Secretariat shall issue a call for nominations to all Full Member National Committees via a General Assembly document.
- Where there are more candidates than seats, the IEC Board shall conduct online interviews with the candidates prior to conducting the vote via a sub-group of IB members, including the IEC President and up to 4 IB members.
- The IEC Board vote shall be conducted at the June or August IEC Board meeting by secret ballot.

## IB DECISION 2024/08

### IB TF 6 ISO/IEC Joint Task Force on Freely Available Standards

The IEC Board approved the ten consensus recommendations from the ISO/IEC Joint Task Force on Freely Available Standards Phase 1 as indicated in document **IB/289/R**, for implementation for a 1-year trial phase.

The IEC Board tasked the Business Advisory Committee, following a 1-year trial phase, to review the economic impact of the recommendations on IEC and its members and to consider the remaining recommendations that did not receive consensus, subject to ISO Council taking a similar approach to ensure alignment.

The IEC Board furthermore found that a strategic review of ISO/IEC JTC 1 (Phase 2 of the ISO/IEC Joint Task Force) would be timely.

## IB DECISION 2024/09

### IB TF 8 on President's dream

Noting the recommendation from the Task Force, the IEC Board suspended the IB TF 8 activities until further notice.

## IB DECISION 2024/10

### Approval of IB future meeting dates, locations and formats

The IEC Board updated its 2025 meeting dates and location as follows:

- 18 (all day) & 19 (AM) February in Geneva, Switzerland
- 19 June in Sydney, Australia (tbc)

The IEC Board also confirmed its 2026 meeting dates and locations as follows:

- 3 (PM) & 4 (all day) March in Geneva, Switzerland
- 23 (PM) & 24 (all day) June in Geneva, Switzerland
- August online (date to be confirmed)
- 18 November, in Hamburg, Germany during General Meeting

## IB DECISION 2024/11 *(by correspondence)*

### Appointment by the IB of ONE Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC) member from Group A

The IEC Board appointed Ms Alena Widder (DE) as Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC) member from Group A countries. Her term of office commences on 22 February 2024 and ends on 31 December 2025.

## **IB DECISION 2024/12 (by correspondence)**

### **WG on consortia**

The IB supported SMB's recommendation to establish a working group under the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) to look after consortia matters.

## **IB DECISION 2024/13 (by correspondence)**

### **CAB membership**

The IEC Board approved the appointment of Mr Dong Yang as the Chinese member of the Conformity Assessment Board (CAB) until the end of his predecessor's term of office, 31 December 2024.

## **IB DECISION 2024/14**

### **Digital transformation update and financials**

The IEC Board confirmed the IEC-ISO joint work on strategic, technical, legal and commercial activities and the proposal for a common digital infrastructure (SMART.X) as described in document **IB/322B/DV** and approved the additional investment of CHF 1.45 million for 2024 in digital transformation (DT), to be taken from the Reserve for Innovation & Digitalization, requesting that evidence of substantial achievement of the IEC Board 2024 DT deliverables be shared with the IEC Board in October 2024 to reduce uncertainty and risk.

## **IB DECISION 2024/15**

### **General Assembly draft agenda**

The IEC Board approved the General Assembly 2024 draft agenda as provided in document **IB/328/DV**, including the modifications discussed at the IB June 2024 meeting related to future General Meeting hosts.

## **IB DECISION 2024/16 (by correspondence)**

### **DAC Chair**

IB Members appointed Ms Megan A. Hayes (USA) as Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC) Chair whose second term of office will commence on 1 January 2025 and will end on 31 December 2027.

**IB DECISION 2024/17 (by correspondence)**

**DAC members**

IB Members re-appointed Messrs Tong (AU) and Khan (UK), and Mmes Kratky (AT) and Aramaki (JP) as Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC) members whose second term of office will commence on 1 January 2025 and will end on 31 December 2027.

**IB DECISION 2024/18 (by correspondence)**

**GRAC member**

The IEC Board re-appointed Mr An-Jung Chung (KR) as Governance Review and Audit Committee (GRAC) member from a non-Group A country. His second term of office will commence on 1 January 2025 and will end on 31 December 2027.

**IB DECISION 2024/19 (by correspondence)**

**MSB member**

The IEC Board appointed Mr Robert Slone (USA) as member of the Market Strategy Board (MSB). His term of office will commence on 1 January 2025 and will end on 31 December 2027.

**IB DECISION 2024/20 (by correspondence)**

**MSB member**

The IEC Board appointed Mr Kyle Crum (USA) as member of the Market Strategy Board (MSB). His term of office will commence on 1 June 2024 and will end on 31 May 2026.

**IB DECISION 2024/21 (by correspondence)**

**LK 2024**

The IEC Board selected Mr Elias GHANNOUM (CA) as the 2024 Lord Kelvin Award laureate.

**IB DECISION 2024/22 (by correspondence)**

**IB TF 6 phase 2 and composition**

The IEC Board approved the Terms of Reference for Phase 2 as recommended by the IEC Board Task Force 6 - ISO/IEC Joint Task Force on JTC 1 and described in the Annex 1 of document **IB/342/RV**.

## **IB DECISION 2024/23 (by correspondence)**

### **SRoP 2024 edition**

The IEC Board approved the proposed new edition of the IEC Statutes and Rules of Procedure, as provided in Annex 2 to **IB/323A/DV**, for circulation to the General Assembly for approval at its 2024 meeting.

## **IB DECISION 2024/24**

### **Annual membership dues distribution for the year 2025**

The IEC Board approved the proposed distribution of the annual membership dues for the year 2025, as provided in document **IB/350/DV**, for circulation to the General Assembly for approval at its meeting in Edinburgh on 25 October 2024.

## **IB DECISION 2024/25**

### **Price increase on the IEC SEC Catalogue for 2025**

The IEC Board approved an average increase of 3% on the IEC SEC Catalogue Price on 1 January 2025.

## **IB DECISION 2024/26**

### **Proposed Statutory Budget for 2025**

The IEC Board approved the proposed 2025 Statutory Budget, as provided in document **IB/352/DV**, for circulation to the General Assembly for approval at its meeting in Edinburgh on 25 October 2024.

## **IB DECISION 2024/27**

The IEC Board requested the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) make a recommendation for the level of the reserves going forward.

The IEC Board requested that the BAC be consulted on the forthcoming Long-Term Sustainability Task Force (LTS) proposals.

## **IB DECISION 2024/28**

### **The 2026/2027 Outlook**

The IEC Board approved the 2026/2027 Outlook, as provided in document **IB/353/DV** with the information on potential additional income being moved to a comment, for circulation to the General Assembly for information.

## **IB DECISION 2024/29**

### **Procedure to appoint the Chair of the Market Strategy Board (MSB) and Vice-President of the IEC**

In addition to the process approved by the IEC Board in February 2022 (**IB Decision 2022/04**) regarding the procedure for appointments to MSB, the IEC Board decided that, should a second vote be required at its 20 August 2024 meeting to appoint a Chair of the Market Strategy Board (MSB) and Vice-President of the IEC, the second round of voting would consider only the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes during the first round.

In the second round of voting, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes and at least a two thirds majority of those IEC Board members voting shall be appointed. Should the second round not be conclusive, the IEC Board shall repeat the process under the same conditions.

## **IB DECISION 2024/30**

### **Appointment of the Chair of the Market Strategy Board (MSB) and Vice-President of the IEC for a three-year term of office (2025-2027)**

The IEC Board appointed Mr Ian OPPERMANN (Australia) as Chair of the Market Strategy Board (MSB) and Vice-President of the IEC for a three-year term of office (2025-2027).

## **IB DECISION 2024/31 (by correspondence)**

### **Spanish SMB member replacement**

The IEC Board approved the appointment of Mrs Esther Ondiviela as the Spanish member of the Standardization Management Board (SMB) until the end of her predecessor's term of office, 31 December 2026.

## **IB DECISION 2024/32**

### **Joint IEC/ISO technical governance of the SIM**

The IEC Board instructs the SMB to work with ISO/TMB to design and implement a joint IEC/ISO technical governance of the SIM and content validation processes.

This shall be subject to a mutually agreed licensing agreement in place following a financial and legal assessment reviewed within BAC.

## IB DECISION 2024/33

### Smart governance review and enhanced decision making

The IEC Board thanks and disbands the IEC Board Task Force 5 and the IB sub-group on digital transformation effective immediately.

The IEC Board agreed to consolidate the coordination of holistic governance on the Smart programme within BAC, in line with its responsibilities outlined in the Statutes and Rules of Procedure.

The IEC Board requested that the BAC develop a modus operandi for this work and report this to the IEC Board by the end of November 2024.

## IB DECISION 2024/34

### European Court of Justice Case No C-588/21 P

The IEC Board decides that IEC initiate legal action against the European Commission (“EC”) by 6 December 2024, coordinating as necessary with ISO, to protect IEC International Standards against free, public disclosure by the EC.

The IEC Board further decides to ask the IEC Secretariat to develop a communication plan and elaborate a proposal by 4 December 2024 regarding which aspects would be open for negotiation with the EC in order to withdraw the legal action.

## IB DECISION 2024/35 (by correspondence)

### IB meeting report workflow and document distribution

The IEC Board confirmed the IB meeting report workflow as described in document **IB/377/DV**.

## IB DECISION 2024/36 (by correspondence)

### Smart Programme – governance modus operandi

The IEC Board endorsed the Smart Programme governance modus operandi as proposed by the BAC in document IB/384/DV for further development.

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