

6. TRANSITION PERIOD

6.1. Time Frame

The confidence building period will commence upon the signing of the MRA and is expected to be completed within 18 months.

6.2. Confidence Building Programme

At the beginning of the transitional period, the Joint Sectoral Group will elaborate a joint Confidence Building Programme (guidance provided in Attachment III). The implementation of this programme shall establish each Party's capability to perform conformity assessments in compliance with the requirements and procedures of the other Party. The evidence shall provide practical relevance to the decisions regarding the operational phase.

The Confidence Building Programme should include the following actions and activities:

- (a) The organization of seminars aiming to inform Regulatory/Designating Authorities and Conformity Assessment Bodies on each Party's regulatory system, procedures and requirements;
- (b) The conduct of workshops aiming to provide, for Regulatory/Designating Authorities, a common understanding and exchange of information regarding requirements and procedures for the designation and surveillance of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs);