

- an adequate management of the conformity assessment activities concerned;
and
 - any other circumstance necessary to give assurance that the conformity assessment activity will be adequately performed on a continuous basis.
4. The technical capability criteria shall be based on internationally accepted documents supplemented by specific interpretative documents developed as appropriate from time to time.
 5. The Parties shall encourage harmonization of designation and conformity assessment procedures through cooperation between Designating Authorities and Conformity Assessment Bodies by means of coordination meetings, participation in mutual recognition arrangements, and working group meetings. Where accreditation bodies participate in the designation process they should be encouraged to participate in mutual recognition arrangements.
- B. System to determine Conformity Assessment Bodies' capabilities**
6. The Designating Authorities may apply the following processes to determine the technical capabilities of Conformity Assessment Bodies. If necessary, a Party will indicate to the Designating Authority the possible ways to demonstrate capabilities.