

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, each Party shall consider a request to develop and implement the mutual recognition of conformity assessment bodies with respect to radio and terminal telecommunications equipment.

4. If a Party recognizes an accreditation body established in the territory of the other Party as competent to accredit conformity assessment bodies as having the competence to assess conformity with the Party's technical regulations, the Party shall apply for the recognition of those conformity assessment bodies, on conditions that are no less favourable than those applied for the recognition of its accredited conformity assessment body located in the territory of the Party.

5. Each Party is encouraged to recognize as competent to accredit conformity assessment bodies an accreditation body established in the territory of the other Party that is a signatory to the *International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement*, a signatory to the *International Accreditation Forum Multilateral Recognition Agreement*; or a signatory to, and for relevant accreditation scopes covered under, the *European Accreditation Multilateral/Bilateral Agreement*.

6. With respect to paragraph 4, each Party recognizes that it may apply additional procedures to verify the competence of an accredited conformity assessment body if:

- (a) the Party applies conditions for the recognition of conformity assessment bodies that supplement international standards, including conditions with respect to the accreditation of those bodies; and
- (b) the Party requires assurance that a conformity assessment body is technically capable to assess whether products fulfill the requirements of a particular standard or technical regulation.

7. Each Party shall take reasonable measures to ensure that accreditation bodies established in its territory accredit conformity assessment bodies established in the territory of the other Party under conditions no less favourable than the conditions applied to conformity assessment bodies located in its territory. A Party may not take measures that limit or discourage the ability of accreditation bodies established in its territory from accrediting conformity assessment bodies established in the territory of the other Party, under conditions no less favourable than those applied to the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in its own territory.

8. Each Party shall accept the results of conformity assessment procedures conducted by conformity assessment bodies located in the other Party's territory, which have been recognized by the other Party, under conditions no less favourable than those conditions applied to the acceptance of the results of conformity assessment procedures conducted by recognized conformity assessment bodies in its territory.