

*Attachment 5***GUIDELINES: PROCEDURES FOR THE DESIGNATION AND MONITORING
OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES****A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Designating Authorities shall only designate legally identifiable entities as Conformity Assessment Bodies.
2. Designating Authorities shall only designate Conformity Assessment Bodies able to demonstrate that they understand, have experience relevant to, and are competent to apply the conformity assessment requirements and procedures of the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions of another Party for which they are designated.
3. Demonstration of technical capabilities shall be based on:
 - technological knowledge of the relevant products, processes or services;
 - understanding of the technical standards and the general risk protection requirements for which designation is sought;
 - the experience relevant to the applicable legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions;
 - the physical capability to perform the relevant conformity assessment activity;
 - 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.