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## *Way forward for establishing common C&I Regime and MRA Agreements in EAC Countries*

◆ **In addition to the C&I Assessment studies report being discussed and validated, EAC/EACO could conduct a demand study on the scope and need for conformity assessment capability for ICT Equipment in the region, and feasibility on the viability of establishing and implementing such C&I facilities in the region.**

◆ **Conduct a risk assessment to take account of the likely and potential consequences of not implementing an active C&I regime in the region.**

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◆ **Develop a Plan for the establishment of EAC *in-country* C&I Testing Laboratories, this shall include the criteria to determine the locations and the testing scopes of these in-country testing laboratories, such that they compliment each other to promote maximum scope coverage within the EAC region.**

◆ **The development of such a plan can be undertaken under the auspices and leadership of the appropriate committee within EACO with close collaboration with the EAC secretariat….**

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◆ Develop a Plan for the establishment of EAC *Regional* C&I Testing Laboratories, this shall include the criteria to determine the numbers, locations and the testing scopes of these regional testing laboratories…..

◆ The development of such a plan can be undertaken under the auspices and leadership of the appropriate committee within EACO with close collaboration with the EAC secretariat….

## *Way forward for establishing MRA Agreements in EAC Countries*

◆ **Develop a plan for the establishment of an EAC MRA framework along the lines of, or similar to the Asia Pacific Economic cooperation MRA for C&I of Telecom equipment covering some 21 countries….see reference guidelines.**

◆ **A small EAC/EACO Task force to be set up to coordinate activities and adapt this APEC TEL MRA to meet specific requirements of of the EAC region…see reference guidelines.**

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◆ **As part of the EAC mandated harmonization of ICT policies and regulations in the region, a general legislative framework and /or model processes, with respect to C&I for adaptation/adoption by member states should be produced by the secretariat.**

◆ **The region must develop the necessary technical capacity, which includes the ability to specify tests to be performed, to contract or perform tests and to critically interpret test results, among others, by active participation of ITU SG11 and others….**

## Capacity Building in C&I and MRAs within EAC region

◆ For the training programmes to build capacity for EAC members states, it is recommended that an effort is made to seek out academic institutions and conformance assessment bodies capable of this task and encourage them to sign an MOU with ITU to undertake such projects in the region.

◆ EAC/EACO secretariat may facilitate this by liaising with appropriate institutions in the region.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

**QUESTIONS?**