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NOTIFICATION

No. IQAB/MLA-HARMON/GOV/2025-26/11.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 8 read with sub-section (3) of Section 15 and Section 24 of the International Quality and Accreditation Board Charter Act, 2018 (Act No. 4 of 2018) and the Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLA) and Cross-Border Qualifications Equivalence Regulations framed thereunder, the International Quality and Accreditation Board (IQAB), pursuant to the unanimous resolution of the International Governance Council and the General Assembly, hereby formally convenes, establishes, and notifies the holding of the **International Harmonization, Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLA) Conclaves & Global Governance Assembly (November 2025)** along with its following ten constituent statutory treaty wings, equivalence directorates, and multilateral conclave panels, namely:—

- (1) **Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) Peer Review & Signatory Ratification Council;**
- (2) **International Educational & Professional Qualifications Equivalence Bureau;**
- (3) **Global Governance, Anti-Fraud & Cross-Border Accreditation Ethics Oversight Directorate;**
- (4) **Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) Legal Protocols & Inter-Governmental Treaty Wing;**
- (5) **Cross-Border Higher Education, Twinning & Joint Degrees Quality Benchmarking Directorate;**
- (6) **International Medical, Nursing & Allied Healthcare Accreditation Equivalence Directorate;**
- (7) **Engineering, Technological & Washington/Sydney Accord Harmonization Bureau;**
- (8) **Digital Credentials, Block chain Verification & Transnational Micro-Certifications Panel;**
- (9) **Sovereign Accreditation Appeals, Trade Dispute Settlement & Institutional Grievance Tribunal;**
- (10) **Global Statutory Plenary of MLA Signatories, Ministerial Delegations & Governing Council.**

As the sovereign statutory conclave and multilateral standard-setting authority for international equivalence and mutual recognition for the purposes of the aforesaid Act with immediate effect.

1. Statutory Conditions & Signatory Covenants

The formal convening of the International Harmonization, MLA Conclaves & Governance Assembly shall be subject to strict compliance with the following statutory conditions, signatory mandates, and governance covenants, namely:—

(1) Mandatory Submission of Harmonization Dossiers:— That all national accreditation authorities, signatory bodies, and applicant candidate institutions seeking admission into or renewal under the IQAB Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) framework shall submit their formal Harmonization Self-Evaluation Dossiers and Equivalence Instruments to the IQAB Secretariat on or before Wednesday, 15th October, 2025;

(2) Official Conclave Assembly Dates:— That the official convening and plenary deliberations of the International Harmonization, MLA Conclaves & Governance Assembly shall take place from Wednesday, 26th November, 2025 to Friday, 28th November, 2025, during which all bilateral accords, mutual recognition protocols, and governance ratifications shall be formally transacted and executed;

(3) Legislative & Regulatory Alignment:— That appropriate statutory provisions, treaty authorizations, and inter-institutional bylaws shall be formally enacted in member jurisdictions to:

(i) designate an official Plenipotentiary Representative empowered with full legal authority to execute Multilateral Recognition Instruments on behalf of the national accreditation body on or before Friday, 31st October, 2025;

(ii) incorporate IQAB Global Harmonization Benchmarks into national programmatic, vocational, and institutional evaluation statutes without dilution;

(iii) grant automatic cross-border academic and professional recognition to qualifications accredited by recognized MLA signatory institutions across all signatory member states;

(iv) establish a joint fast-track verification gateway with the IQAB Global Credential Blockchain Registry on or before Wednesday, 10th December, 2025;

(v) constitute a National Standing Committee on Equivalence and Transnational Quality Monitoring within sixty (60) days of the conclusion of the Congress.

2. International Governance & Compliance Oversight

(1) Transparency & Unhindered Verification:— That all signatory entities and participating bodies shall maintain comprehensive, publicly accessible registers of accredited institutions and programmes, and shall facilitate unhindered peer review inspections by authorised IQAB oversight delegations at all stages of the recognition cycle.

(2) Penal Consequences of Default:— That any signatory body or member authority found in material breach of mutual equivalence covenants, or engaging in unilateral dilution of accredited standards, shall be subject to immediate suspension from the MLA registry, revocation of reciprocal recognition privileges, and formal referral to the International Equivalence Disputes Tribunal.

SCHEDULE
MANDATORY PHASED TIMELINES AND TARGET DATES FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL HARMONIZATION, MLA CONCLAVES &
GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK (2025–2026)

The following Key Milestones Schedule and Mandatory Target Dates (all strictly scheduled on official non-Sunday working days) shall be legally binding and non-negotiable for all signatory states, member councils, and participating delegations:—

Item No.	Harmonization Milestone & Statutory Treaty Deliverable	Mandatory Target Date	Responsible Authority
MLA-01	Issuance of Official Conclave Notification & Worldwide Call for MLA Signatory Accords	15 Oct 2025 (Wed)	Secretary-General, IQAB MLA Council
MLA-02	Submission of National Harmonization Dossiers & Peer Review Candidate Filings	26 Nov 2025 (Wed)	National Accreditation Authorities / Signatories
MLA-03	Formal Inauguration & Plenary Conclave of MLA Signatories (Geneva / New Delhi)	26–28 Nov 2025 (Wed–Fri)	President & Governing Council, IQAB
MLA-04	Final Execution of Multilateral Recognition Accords & Bilateral Equivalence Treaties	10 Dec 2025 (Wed)	Directorate of International Treaties
MLA-05	Launch of Transnational Cross-Border Block chain Credential Verification Gateway	09 Feb 2026 (Mon)	Bureau of Digital Credentialing
MLA-06	Mid-Term Statutory Governance Review & Equivalence Audit Panel Deliberations	16 Mar 2026 (Mon)	Joint Parliamentary Committee on Governance
MLA-07	Publication of International MLA Signatory Register & Global Equivalence Directory	06 May 2026 (Wed)	Standing Committee on International Equivalence
MLA-08	Comprehensive Multi-Jurisdictional On-Site Peer Verification Audits Completion	01 Jul 2026 (Wed)	IQAB Board of International Peer Assessors
MLA-09	Submission of Annual Compliance Review & Reciprocal Recognition Dossiers	12 Aug 2026 (Wed)	Signatory Accreditation Councils
MLA-10	Gazette Promulgation of Ratified Multilateral Recognition Treaties & Final Orders	30 Sep 2026 (Wed)	IQAB Gazette & Supreme Secretariat

3. Statutory Authentication & Execution

Given under the seal of the International Quality and Accreditation Board and authenticated by the undersigned under the authority of the Governing Council on this Eighth day of September, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

Regards,



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