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Expert Group Meeting on the Harmonization of Industrial
Norms, Regulations and Legal Instruments for Regional
Cooperation: Enhancing Regional Accreditation Schemes
Beirut, 9-11 May 2001

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Wednesday 9 May 2001

8:30- 9:30

Registration

9:30 - 10:30

Opening Session

Mr. Ahmad Farahat	ESCWA / SIPD
Ms. Mervart Tallawi	ESCWA
Mr. Talaat Ben Zafer	AIDMO
Mr. Yves de San	UNDP- Lebanon
H.E. George Frem	Minister of Industry

10:30 – 11:00

Reception

11:00 – 13:30

Session I

Accreditation Schemes: Views of International Agencies

Mr. Fukuda Yasukazu	ISO
Mr. Takashi Ohtsubo	IAF
Mr. John Gilmour	ILAC

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch Break

15:30 – 17:30

Session II

Experiences from Other Regions

Agust Jonsson	EA
Fabio Tobon	ICONTEC; Colombia
Eugene Julies	SABS; South Africa
Sean Mc Curtain	SANA; South Africa
Reinaldo Figuereido	ALAC; Latin America

Thursday 10 May 2001

9:00 – 11:00

Session III Operating Arab Accreditations Schemes

Mr. Abdul Hamid Alwan	<i>Egypt Jordan Lebanon Saudi Arabia</i>
Mr. Ayman Makki	<i>Tunis</i>
Mr. Hamed Alameddine	<i>AIDMO</i>

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:30

Session IV Conformity Assessment, Certification and Accreditation: End-users views

Mr. Abdel Baset El-Sebai	<i>FEI - Egypt</i>
Mr. Mohammad Fawaz	<i>QMI - Lebanon</i>
Mr. Amr Farouk	<i>TUV - Egypt</i>
Mr. Ahmad Chaouk	<i>SGS - Lebanon</i>

13:30 – 16:00

Lunch Break

16:00 – 17:00

Closing Session Deliberation on Regional Accreditation Schemes in the Arab Countries

Mr. Rainer Uckeley	<i>GTZ/MSTQ Project</i>
Mr. Mostafa Al-Aghbar	<i>CSSR; Syria</i>

Panel Discussion

Conclusions and Recommendations

Friday 11 May 2001

9:00 – 11:00

**Special Session
UNDP/SU-TCDC Project:
"Strengthening the International
Competitiveness of Selected Arab
Countries in Global Trade through
Enhancing their Quality Assurance
Policies and Institutions"**

Mr. Francis Blain	<i>SU-TCDC</i>
Mr. Otto Loesener	<i>UNIDO</i>
Mr. Hamed Alameddine	<i>AIDMO</i>

11: 30 – 12:00

Reception hosted by AFFI

12: 00 –

**Expert Meeting on
Certification and Accreditation
In Agro-Food Industries**

11 & 12 May 2001