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the Russian Federation (NAA)
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ENQA Membership of NAA

I am pleased to be able to inform you that at its meeting on 23 May 2006 the Board of ENQA agreed that the National Accreditation Agency of the Russian Federation (NAA) should be granted Candidate Membership of ENQA. The Board wishes to express ENQA's warm welcome to your Agency and its hope that you will find your membership useful and valuable.

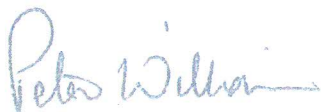
There are two major differences between Candidate and Full membership. First, Candidate members cannot cast votes in the ENQA General Assembly. They are, however, invited to attend the Assembly with an observer status. Secondly, Board membership is limited to representatives of agencies in Full membership of ENQA. Other than these limitations, the benefits as well as requirements of ENQA membership are identical.

NAA's membership of ENQA was considered on the basis of preparatory work undertaken by an ENQA Board working group on membership issues and the information NAA had provided in the supplementary application. The Board was not able to grant NAA Full membership at this stage in your Agency's development, but agreed that Candidate Membership was appropriate. It suggests that in order to meet all the criteria for Full membership within the next two years (as required in the Regulations of ENQA, sections 3.3. – 3.19.), you should take into account the recommendations (the numbered sections refer to the paragraphs of the regulations of ENQA).

NAA should contact the ENQA secretariat not later than December 2007 to provide a progress report on developments towards meeting these recommendations, and to indicate how it proposes to demonstrate, by June 2008, that it is meeting the ENQA membership requirements in their entirety.

I would again like to thank you for your decision to apply for ENQA membership and I look forward to our active future cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Williams
ENQA President