

## **Eurachem membership: Disciplinary procedures**

The following resolution was approved by the Eurachem General Assembly at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **Noting that:**

- The Eurachem MOU places responsibilities on members of Eurachem
- The MOU in force at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 provides no means of enforcement of member responsibilities or conduct of members

### **This General Assembly resolves that**

1. A new Section shall be inserted into the Eurachem Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

#### **Section 5. Discipline**

5.1 The General Assembly may at any meeting, by a two-thirds vote of members present at the meeting and entitled to vote, reprimand, suspend or expel any member who has violated the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding or whose conduct is deemed detrimental to the best interests of Eurachem.

with appropriate re-numbering of subsequent provisions.

2. Pursuant to Section 1.8 of the Eurachem MOU, the following criteria and arrangements shall apply to disciplinary action regarding members of Eurachem:
  - a) Disciplinary action regarding a member of Eurachem must be proposed by a Eurachem member in writing and seconded by two additional members of Eurachem.
  - b) Before any such disciplinary action, the member concerned shall be given at least 28 days' notice in writing and shall be granted the opportunity to be heard by the General Assembly in person (including presence at an online meeting) and to respond in writing.
  - c) The ballot shall be open and the member concerned shall be entitled to vote if normally entitled to do so.
  - d) The decision of the General Assembly shall be final.
  - e) For the purposes of Section 5 of the MOU, at the written request of any member or at the request of the member concerned, the vote may be conducted by correspondence, with a period for voting of not less than 14 days. For a correspondence vote, all members are considered to be present (that is, the two thirds majority shall be a majority of all Eurachem members entitled to vote). The member concerned shall be entitled to vote and shall be advised of the result of the vote and of the individual members' votes.
  - f) A member expelled following application of Section 5 of the MOU may re-apply for membership at or after the General Assembly following expulsion, such applications to be considered in the normal way for new member applications.
  - g) These arrangements may be amended by the General Assembly following the normal rules of procedure.
3. These arrangements shall come into force with effect from the end of the May 2025 meeting of the Eurachem General Assembly.

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