

## **Republic of Côte d'Ivoire**

### **Excerpts from Law N°2013-866 of 23 December 2013 relating to standardization and quality promotion, articles relating to West Africa Accreditation Body (SOAC)**

#### **Article 2**

The purpose of this law is to lay down the legal framework for the organization of standardization and quality promotion, in accordance with Community and international provisions, in particular Regulation No 03/2010 / CM UEMOA of 21 June 2010 on the scheme on harmonization of accreditation, certification, standardization and metrology activities in UEMOA.

#### **Article 24:**

An accreditation body is established to recognize the competence of bodies that carry out specific conformity assessment activities.

#### **Article 25:**

Only the accreditation body is authorized to issue certificates of accreditation and to recognize those issued by the institutions of other States

The accreditation body ensures the independence and impartiality of accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.

#### **Article 26:**

The powers and functioning of the body responsible for accreditation are laid down by decree.

### **Excerpts from Decree n° 2014 -461 on the implementation of the law on standardization and quality promotion**

#### **Article 27**

The accreditation body instituted by article 24 of the aforementioned law n ° 2013-866 of 23 December 2013 is the Regional Accreditation Body.

#### **Article 31**

All conformity assessment body is required to be accredited by to the regional accreditation body or any structure mandated by it.