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## **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSAY OFFICES**

### **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

#### **1. AIM**

To establish a forum for the exchange of information and promotion of technical co-operation between state authorised Assay Offices, with a view to providing a representative liaison body for communicating with appropriate organisations.

#### **2. SCOPE AND OPERATION**

##### **2.1 Membership**

2.1.1 Membership is open to the Head, or nominated representative, of any State recognised Assay Office.

2.1.2 Observer Status is open to any non-state recognised Precious Metal Laboratory.

##### **2.2 Liaison**

2.2.1 Specific To liaise with organisations created by Treaty which can legally affect the testing, marking and status of precious metal articles.

2.2.2 To liaise with standards organisations dealing with technical matters regarding precious metal articles.

2.2.3 Communication with 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 is by the Secretariat. Representation in person at meetings or Working groups must be by the Head, or nominated representative, of an Assay recognised by the Treaty (for 3.1.1) or Standards organisation (for 3.1.2) this does not limit the right to liaise on a national basis.

## 2.3 General

Informal liaison by individual Members with other organisations dealing with precious metal articles, and testing and certification, is encouraged, and feedback invited.

## 2.4 Obligation of Membership

To provide all other members with relevant information on changes, or proposed changes, to the regulations under which they operate, which affects the testing and certification of precious metal articles.