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Impartiality constitutes the foundation for gaining and maintaining the confidence in the accreditation system that interested parties expect. Respect for impartiality is demonstrated through the following:

- Compliance with the adopted Quality Policy, which is based on the policy of the State of Montenegro in the field of accreditation as defined by the Decision on the Establishment of the Accreditation Body of Montenegro and the Law on Accreditation, by which the Accreditation Body of Montenegro is authorized to implement that policy;
- An organizational structure and governance of the Accreditation Body of Montenegro that ensure full confidence of clients in the accreditation system, as well as representation of the interests of various interested parties;
- Provision of independent and impartial accreditation services and ensuring that no individual involved in providing such services is subject to commercial, financial or any other pressures that could influence their judgement and decisions in the various phases of the accreditation process;
- Refraining from performing any activities corresponding to those carried out by conformity assessment bodies, as well as refraining from having financial or management interests in conformity assessment bodies;
- Understanding the importance of impartiality in performing accreditation activities and proactively managing potential conflicts of interest in order to ensure objectivity in all accreditation activities;
- Establishing contractual obligations with employees, members of ATCG governing and expert bodies, assessors, and persons engaged to perform specific tasks on behalf of ATCG, in order to ensure that the accreditation process is conducted in an independent and impartial manner;
- Requiring all contractually engaged persons participating in assessment activities for accreditation purposes to declare any potential conflict of interest and to inform the accreditation body that they are not in any inadmissible relationship with the conformity assessment bodies being assessed;
- A strict prohibition on providing consultancy services to conformity assessment bodies, as well as refraining from any activities that would constitute a conflict of interest or that could compromise confidentiality, impartiality and objectivity;
- Absence of any relationship with organizations providing consultancy services to conformity assessment bodies, particularly in terms of promoting the work of such organizations;
- Ensuring that all accreditation decisions are taken by competent and authorized persons different from those who carried out the assessment;

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- Periodic review of risk identification and measures for their mitigation with regard to impartiality, through analysis of relationships with related bodies;
- Evaluation of potential risks to impartiality using various mechanisms, including consultation with relevant interested parties;
- Taking appropriate measures where such risks are identified;
- Reviewing any residual risk to determine whether it remains at an acceptable level;
- Respecting the obligation that accreditation shall not be granted where an unacceptable risk to impartiality has been identified.

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