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FORTIETH MEETING
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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE of LEGAL METROLOGY
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Opening addresses

The Committee took note of the opening address delivered by its Acting President Manfred Kochsiek, who then handed over the CIML Presidency to Alan Johnston (Canada), who also gave an opening address.

Roll Call - Quorum

52 Member States out of 60 were present or represented at the opening of the 40th CIML Meeting. The quorum (45 member States) was therefore reached. *Note: During the various sessions, the number of Member States present or represented varied between 52 and 53. Details of the votes will be mentioned in the 40th CIML Minutes.*

The Committee also noted the participation of a number of Corresponding Members, Observer Countries, Liaison Institutions and Regional Legal Metrology Organizations, as well as the CIML Immediate Past President, two CIML Honorary Members and members of BIML Staff.

Approval of the Agenda

The draft agenda (Version 3 dated 2005.04.19) was approved without modification.

1 Approval of the Minutes of the 39th CIML Meeting

The Minutes of the 39th CIML Meeting were approved without modification.

2 Member States and Corresponding Members

2.1 Situation of certain Members

The CIML noted the commitment of the DPR Korea and Zambia to pay their arrears according to an agreed schedule.

The CIML approved the following rule for the reduction of the contributory classes of certain Member States according to their Gross National Income per capita:

According to its Gross National Income per capita, a country may be declassified:

- by one class for lower middle income countries whose Gross National Income per capita is greater than twice that of low income countries;
- by two classes for lower middle income countries whose Gross National Income per capita is lower than twice that of low income countries;
- by three classes for low income countries.

The CIML took note of a report given by the BIML Director concerning the contributory classes of six Member States, which would be reclassified as follows according to the above rules:

Member State	Present class	Application of the rule	Comment (World Bank 2003 data)
Brazil	2	3	GNI per capita = 2 710 USD
Indonesia	1	2	GNI per capita = 810 USD
Rep. Korea	2	3	47.9 million inhabitants
Poland	1	2	GNI per capita = 5 270 USD
Saudi Arabia	1	2	22.5 million inhabitants
Spain	2	3	41.1 million inhabitants

Members shall send their comments on these envisaged reclassifications to the CIML President before end of July 2005. Once these comments have been received and analyzed, the CIML President shall submit a decision to the CIML for postal approval.

The CIML accepted to classify Turkey, which had just become an OIML Member State, in Class 2 instead of Class 3. This country's classification shall be reviewed annually in line with the decisions and resolutions of the 39th CIML Meeting.

3 Financial matters

3.1 Adoption of the Auditor's report for 2004

The Committee approved the Auditor's report for 2004 and requested its President and the BIML Director to submit it to the Thirteenth Conference.

3.2 Assets and liabilities as at 2005.01.01

The Committee took note of a report given by the BIML Director concerning the OIML Pension System and instructed its President and the Director of the Bureau to continue to study the possible evolutions of the System, compared to other systems existing in similar organizations, and to report back at the 41st CIML Meeting in 2006.

The Committee took note of a presentation given by the BIML Director concerning the estimation of the assets and liabilities according to the new accountancy rules laid down by the new Financial Regulations.

The Committee noted that taking account of the evaluation of the Pension Fund, the Reserve Fund would be significantly reduced.

The Committee instructed its President to examine the conditions and procedures related to personal loans to BIML Staff Members and to report back at the 41st CIML Meeting in 2006.

3.3 Information on the implementation of the new Financial Regulations

The Committee took note of a presentation given by the BIML Director concerning the implementation of the new Financial Regulations. It was noted that the details of the transition from the previous to the new accountancy systems shall be assessed by the external accountant and presented at the 41st CIML Meeting in 2006.

It was also noted that the charges resulting from the evaluation of the Pension System will increase staff costs. The Committee instructed the BIML Director, under the supervision of the CIML President, to take any necessary measures to keep the accounts within a balanced situation and to maintain the Reserve Fund at an acceptable level during this period.

4 Presidential Council activities

4.1 Report on Presidential Council activities

The Committee took note of a report from its President concerning the activities of the Presidential Council since the 39th CIML Meeting.

4.2 Long Term Strategy and Action Plan

The Committee discussed the Strategy and the Action Plan, and expressed comments on them. CIML Members are requested to send additional comments to the President and to the Bureau by the end of July 2005.

The Committee instructed its President and the Bureau to circulate these drafts, amended in line with the comments expressed, for postal approval before the end of 2005.

5 Developing Country activities

5.1 Report on PWGDC activities

The Committee took note of a report given by Dr. Seiler on the activities of the Permanent Working Group on Developing Countries and expressed its appreciation to Dr. Seiler for his efficient chairmanship.

The Committee expressed its thanks to the Members of the Permanent Working Group for their involvement in this work and for the responsibilities that they have undertaken.

5.2 Report on JCDCMAS activities

The Committee took note of a report given by Mr. Dunmill on the activities of the Joint Committee for the coordination of Technical Assistance to Developing Countries, chaired in 2005 by the Bureau.

6 Liaisons

6.1 Presentation by the Bureau on liaison activities

The Committee took note of a presentation given by the BIML Director concerning liaison activities.

6.2 Updates by Liaison Organizations

The Committee took note of information given by the following liaison organizations concerning their activities and thanked their representatives:

BIPM Mr. Köhler
ILAC/IAF Mr. Reposeur
ISO Mr. Bryden
UNIDO Mr. Loesener-Diaz
IMEKO Pr. Van Biesen
CEN/CENELEC Mr. Mertens
CECIP Mrs. Martens
GSO Dr. Bin Fahad

6.3 Updates by RLMOs

The Committee took note of information given by Regional Legal Metrology Organizations concerning their activities and thanked their representatives:

APLMF Dr. Ooiwa
COOMET Mr. Zhagora
EMLMF Mr. Lagauterie
SADCMELE Mr. Carstens
SIM Dr. Ehrlich
SWPLMF Mr. Vadei
WELMEC Mr. Freistetter

7 BIML activities

7.1 Organization of the Bureau

The Committee took note of a presentation given by the BIML Director concerning the organization and activities of the Bureau. It was noted that one BIML Staff Member had decided to leave the BIML at the end of 2004; a suitable candidate would be recruited shortly.

7.2 Communication, web site

The Committee took note of a presentation given by Mr. Pulham concerning the production of OIML Publications, activities aimed at improving communication, and the OIML web site.

The Committee expressed its high appreciation of the achievements presented and encouraged the Bureau to continue this development. In particular, a new OIML Leaflet was presented describing the Organization, its role and its structures. The BIML proposed to make the Leaflet available free of charge to all Members to promote legal metrology in their countries.

7.3 Report on BIML activities and work program for 2005

The Committee took note of a presentation given by the BIML Director concerning the 2005 work program of the Bureau, based on the Strategy Document and Action Plan presented during the Meeting.

8 Technical activities

The Committee took note of a presentation given by Mr. Szilvássy concerning the general situation of OIML technical activities, specifically the drafts of Recommendations to be approved and the situation of certain TCs/SCs.

8.1 Approval of International Recommendations and Documents

Since the number of votes received on the two current drafts submitted for voting (revisions of R 51 and R 134-1) had been too low and the number of comments and negative votes received for R 134-1 did not allow any decision to be made, the Committee instructed the Secretariat of TC 9/SC 2 to draw up the final Draft Recommendations taking account of the comments received, and instructed the Bureau to proceed with a CIML postal approval of these two projects.

The Committee decided that the same CIML postal approval procedure will apply for the DR of the revision of R 39, posted on the web site immediately prior to the CIML Meeting for on-line postal ballot.

8.2 Examination of the situation of certain TCs/SCs

The Committee decided:

- to disband and discontinue the work of TC 10/SC 6 *Strain gauges*,
- to merge TC 8/SC 1 *Static volume measurement* and TC 8/SC 2 *Static mass measurement* under the Co-secretariat of Austria and Germany under the title TC 8/SC 1 *Static volume and mass measurement*, and to disband TC 8/SC 2,
- to allocate the Secretariat of TC 10/SC 3 *Barometers* to China,
- to withdraw the following work projects:
 - TC 7/SC 1: p 1 revision R 30 *End standards of length (gauge blocks)*,
 - TC 10/SC 4: p 2 *Requirements for force measuring instruments for verifying material testing machines* in favor of the utilization of ISO 376,
 - TC 17/SC 6: p 1 *Calibration procedure for mine methanometers* and p 2 *Procedure for calibration of alarms of combustible gases and vapors*.

The Committee approved the proposal from TC 3/SC 5 to use the Guides for the application of ISO 17025 and Guide 65 drawn up by the CPR on R 60 and R 76 as a first Working Draft and to proceed following the Directives for Technical Work.

The Committee authorized the Bureau, together with the TC 4 Secretariat (Slovakia), to decide together with ILAC on the best way of publishing the joint publication of the revised D 10.

The Committee instructed the Bureau to organize a meeting with the Secretariats of TC 8/SC 7 and TC 8/SC 8 and to redefine the scope of these Subcommittees' projects so as to avoid unnecessary overlapping, eliminate redundancies, discrepancies and duplication of work.

8.3 MAA

The Committee took note of a report presented by Mrs. Gaucher, MAA Project Leader at the BIML, showing the progress in the implementation of the MAA and the outcome of the first CPR Meeting.

Twenty one participants are expected in the first two Declarations of Mutual Confidence related to Load cells and Nonautomatic weighing instruments. Among these participants, eight are expected to be Issuing Participants.

The CPR proposed some clarifications and amendments to OIML Publication B 10-1, which should be submitted to the CIML for voting.

The Committee asked the Bureau to submit the CPR proposals, amended according to the comments made at this CIML Meeting and accompanied by a detailed explanatory note, to the CIML for postal approval before the end of 2005. The proposals to be voted on are related to the following issues:

- the signatories of a DoMC;
- the establishment of one CPR for more than one DoMC;
- the CPR voting rules;
- the admission of new participants after a DoMC is signed; and
- the fees for peer assessments.

8.4 Progress in the revision of the Directives

The Committee took note that the Bureau will start the revision of the Directives for Technical Work before the end of 2005 and indicated that this work must be considered a high priority. This revision should simplify the procedures and make use of information technologies in order to substantially accelerate the work.

9 Human resource matters

9.1 Election of the CIML First Vice-President

The Committee elected Mr. Stuart Carstens, South Africa, as First Vice-President. He will take over his duties immediately. The Committee also decided that Pr. Kochsiek will remain Vice-President until the 41st CIML Meeting in 2006.

The Committee instructed the CIML President to draw up a draft procedure for the election of the CIML President and Vice President. This procedure shall be submitted for CIML postal approval in order to be applicable at the 41st CIML Meeting.

9.2 Extension of the contract of the BIML Director

On the proposal of the CIML President, the Committee approved the renewal of the contract of Mr. Magaña as BIML Director from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2010.

9.3 Appointment of a new Assistant Director in 2007

The Committee endorsed the proposed list of members of the Selection Committee as follows:

Mr. Johnston,
Pr. Kochsiek,
Dr. Ehrlich,
Mr. Carstens,
Mr. Harvey,
Mr. Magaña.

10 Future meetings

10.1 41st CIML Meeting (2006)

The Committee took note of a presentation given by South Africa about the organization of the 41st CIML Meeting in Capetown in October 2006 and thanked the South African Government and the South African CIML Member for their invitation, which was confirmed as accepted by the Committee.

10.2 42nd CIML Meeting (2007)

The Committee noted that the People's Republic of China was considering inviting the CIML to hold its 42nd Meeting in China in October 2007. A decision will be taken at the 41st CIML Meeting. ■