

MEETING REPORT

Presidential Council

25–26 February 2002 (BIML)

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■ **Financial matters**

- The contributory class of certain Member States was discussed, as were the decisions taken in the past for countries with payment arrears.
- The BIML will prepare the transition towards the application of a standardized general accountancy scheme, which is more appropriate than the system currently used for taking into account depreciation of equipment, etc. The adoption of the new scheme will be discussed at the 12th Conference.

■ **Staff of the Bureau**

- A number of points concerning the BIML Staff Regulations were discussed including probationary period, notice period, family allowances, death grant and staff evaluation. The revised document will be submitted to the CIML for approval.
- Mr. Faber outlined Mr. Athané's responsibilities as Consultant up to the end of 2002, which include formalizing the existing BIML procedures that form the *Quality System* of the Bureau. These procedures will in particular allow the references of decisions relating to the different issues of the life of the Organization to be more readily retrieved. Mr. Athané will also be charged with preparing and chairing the seminar *What Will Legal Metrology Be In The year 2020*.

■ **Technical work**

- Pr. Kochsiek informed participants that the PTB proposes to take on responsibility for the currently vacant TC 13 Secretariat.
- On the occasion of the revision of the *Directives for the Technical Work*, a procedure should be studied to take actions when the work of a Secretariat does not progress, and if necessary in order to change the responsibility of the TC/SC secretariats.

- The 9th draft MAA should be submitted for voting within the Subcommittee (3 months' delay) then could be submitted for voting and comments by CIML Members (a further 3 months) in order to be presented at the 37th CIML Meeting.

■ **Internet and electronic documentation**

- The Council agreed on the need to recruit a specialist to work on the OIML web site, database, and computer equipment.
- The Council gave its backing to the proposed developments relating to the use of the Internet and it was agreed that this is the right way to evolve.
- The Bureau will prepare a presentation on these Internet developments for the 37th CIML Meeting, also covering the Development Council web site.

■ **Braunschweig Seminar and the World Bank**

- Contacts must be maintained and followed with the World Bank, and the Seminar envisaged at the World Bank premises should be coupled with the Second Seminar which is planned at NIST in line with the last Braunschweig Seminar.

■ **Policy on formalized relations with other organizations**

- The BIML Director will prepare a second draft document to be presented at the CIML Meeting. This policy will make a distinction between three categories of bodies:
 - general liaisons such as WTO, UNIDO, BIPM, etc.;
 - standard setting organizations and their technical committees or subcommittees; and
 - organizations representing manufacturers of instruments, users, consumers, etc.
- The possibility to accept not only international and regional organizations, but also national organizations will be studied.
- The BIML Director will initiate discussions with CEN and CENELEC in order to take into account the comments received and to make these agreements more symmetrical when required. The outcome of the discussions will be presented to the Presidential Council in order to submit them to the CIML.

■ Horizontal Documents

- The document presented by the Bureau will be completed to present the way in which horizontal documents should be included step by step in the OIML publications system and what the consequence of these steps would be on the existing Recommendations and Documents. This paper will be submitted to TC 3 before being presented to the CIML.

■ IQ Mark and individual conformity marking of instruments

- The Presidential Council took note of a presentation by The BIML Director on the assessment of conformity to type and on the assessment of the accuracy of instruments and prepackages. The Seminar *What Will Legal Metrology Be In The Year 2020* will probably provide elements to support this issue.

■ RLMOs

- The Bureau will prepare a policy paper concerning the setting up and the Terms of Reference of a "Council for the Cooperation with the RLMOs", advisory to the President of the CIML, and which will complete the future advisory infrastructure:
 - Presidential Council;
 - Development Council in its future configuration; and
 - Council for cooperation with the RLMOs.
- This policy paper will be discussed by correspondence with the members of the Presidential Council, and will then be presented to the CIML at its 37th Meeting.
- There will not be a meeting of the OIML with the RLMOs in September, a decision on the establishment of this new Council shall be awaited first.

■ Development Council

- On the basis of the present paper, the Bureau will prepare a policy paper for the 37th CIML Meeting, presenting the situation, the long term orientations and the questions to be solved. This paper should make provisions to set up transitional mechanisms (task force mentioned below) with a view to a final restructuring of the Development Council by the Conference in 2004.

- A task force consisting of 9 individuals will be appointed by the CIML President to start working on these issues and to prepare the Development Council meetings. This task force will anticipate the proposed future configuration of the Council.
- The first ideas on an action plan for the Development Council will be studied after having adopted this policy and set up the task force. The Action Plan studied by the Development Council should become a part of the general OIML Action Plan.

■ 37th CIML Meeting

- The schedule will be the following:
 - Monday a.m.: Presidential Council meeting,
 - Monday p.m.: Development Council Task Force,
 - Tuesday a.m.: Development Council (plenary),
 - Tuesday p.m. to Friday a.m. (except Wednesday p.m.): CIML Meeting.

■ Seminar

What Will Legal Metrology Be In The Year 2020

- The BIML Director will contact the lecturers to draw their attention to the need to focus their presentations on the long term evolutions of legal metrology and not on the present state of legal metrology.
- The Seminar will be chaired by Bernard Athané.

■ Joint OIML/BIPM/ILAC meeting (BIPM, 27 Feb.)

- The OIML was represented in this meeting by Messrs. Faber, Kochsiek, Issaev, Ehrlich and Magaña. ■

