International Bureau of Legal Metrology
The Director

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Note for CIML Members

Subject: Contribution class of Vietnam

Dear CIML Members,

With a view to Vietnam becoming a full OIML Member, this Country has requested to be classified in a lower contributory class, as provided for under certain circumstances by article XXVI of the Convention:

> *When the use of measuring instruments in any State is clearly below the average the State may apply to be put in a lower class than that assigned to it by its population.*

The economic situation of Vietnam for 2001 is the following (World Bank data):

- Population: 79.5 million inhabitants
- Gross National Income: 32.6 billion US$
- Gross National Income per capita: 410 US$

The normal contributory class of Vietnam would be class 3 (4 base contributory shares, i.e. 48 752 € for 2003). Vietnam asks to be classified in class 1 (1 base contributory share, i.e. 12 188 € for 2003).

As an example, one of the Member States, whose population is 213 million inhabitants and whose Gross National Income per capita is 680 US$ (according to the same sources), has been classified by the Committee in Class 1 instead of Class 4.

You are therefore kindly requested to formally vote on this request from Vietnam, using the attached voting form. I draw your attention to the necessity to receive your postal vote in order to be able to decide on this matter, according to article XVII of the Convention:

> *Between sessions, and in certain special cases, the Committee may consult by correspondence.*
>
> *Resolutions adopted in this way shall only be valid if all Members of the Committee shall have been called upon to give their opinions and if the resolutions shall have been approved unanimously by all those voting, on condition that the number of votes cast be at least two thirds of the number of designated Members.*

I would be grateful if you would kindly fill in and return the attached voting form to the BIML before February 15th, 2003.

J.F. Magaña
BIML Director

<div align="center">**Bulletin de vote / Ballot form**</div>

Objet: Classe de cotisation du Vietnam

Il est proposé d'inscrire le Vietnam, lors de sa future adhésion comme Etat Membre de l'OIML, dans la classe de cotisation 1 (coefficient 1, soit une seule part contributive de base).

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It is proposed to accept Vietnam, when becoming a full OIML Member State, in class 1 of contribution (coefficient 1, i.e. one base contributory share).

VOTE : YES .... ☐

NO .... ☐

ABSTAIN .... ☐

Etat Membre / Member State: . . . .

Membre du CIML / CIML Member: . . . .

Date: . . . .

Signature: . . . .