



BIML 11 No. 230/ID

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To: CIML Members

Subject: **Enquiry on the revision of the Directives for OIML technical work**

Dear Colleagues,

At its 45th Meeting in Orlando in 2010, the CIML discussed the revision of the Directives for OIML technical work. The BIML explained the work which had been conducted on the revision by the ad hoc working group and some of the problems which had been encountered. Members were reminded that this work had culminated in a draft being circulated for comment to all CIML Members in May 2010, although only 27 Member States out of 57 (47 %) had responded to the request by the time of the 45th CIML Meeting. A number of issues had been raised by a few Member States during this comment process which are fundamental to the way in which the technical work will be organised in the future, and therefore to the way in which the draft revision of the Directives needs to be drafted. The CIML therefore made the following Resolution (no. 24 of the 45th CIML Meeting):

“The Committee,

Noting the report by the Bureau on the revision of the Directives for the technical work (OIML B 6-1),

Considering that the ad hoc working group for this revision, after several meetings, has not been able to reach consensus on a number of issues, and

Considering the comments made by some of its Members on subsequent drafts for the revision of OIML B 6-1,

Instructs the Bureau to consult all CIML Members by way of an inquiry on their position with regard to specific issues, such as the structure of the technical work, the proposed Technical Management Committee and the voting procedures for the adoption of OIML Publications, with a view to preparing a new Draft Revision, to be considered for adoption by the CIML at its 46th Meeting.”

The purpose of this enquiry is therefore to settle these outstanding concerns by asking all CIML Members to provide their opinion on the detailed issues. As mentioned in the last part of the Resolution, the issues can be considered in three groups:

- The structure of the technical work;
- The management of the technical work;
- The approval procedures for OIML publications:
 - Procedures for the approval of Committee Drafts by OIML Technical Committees or Subcommittees, and
 - Procedures for the approval of OIML publications by the CIML.

These points are considered separately in the attached background paper, and separate reply forms are provided for each of the four issues to enable you to provide your views in a standardised way. Your replies will then be used to produce the next draft, which will then be circulated to all CIML Members for comment and vote, in the hope that a final draft can be prepared for approval at the 46th CIML Meeting in October 2011.

Although you were sent them before, for your convenience I also attach copies of the Draft revision of the Directives which was circulated to CIML Members for comment in May 2010, together with the collated comments received from CIML Members.

Could you please therefore complete the four reply forms and return them to me by e-mail **on or before the deadline of 16 May 2011**.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Dunmill', written in a cursive style.

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