



Report from the CIPM Subcommittee on Governance

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Where do we come from?

- Following the 26th CGPM (2018), a working group of Member States discussed various issues related to the governance of the organization.
- The working group delivered its final report at the 27th CGPM (2022).
- With the aim of putting this preliminary work into practice, the 27th CGPM gave the CIPM the mandate to prepare By-Laws for the organization (including Rules of Procedure of the CGPM and explanatory documents) and during this process to **consult widely with the Member States.**

Why the BIPM needs By-Laws?

- The existing Agreements (Metre Convention and its Annexed Regulations etc.) do not precisely describe certain organizational elements.
- These “imprecisions” regularly lead to discussions.
- The By-Laws are the appropriate instrument to clarify these elements in a binding manner (without amending the Convention).

What is the objective?

- The By-Laws of the BIPM and the Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the CGPM are established in parallel
 - The articles of the By-Laws are explained in detail in an explanatory document
 - The RoP contains for example the procedures to conduct the CGPM, to vote the resolutions and to elect the CIPM.
 - The Member States (State representatives) are widely consulted (at least twice)
- The By-Laws and RoP are approved by the CIPM in October 2025
- The By-Laws and RoP are approved at the 28th CGPM in 2026

Decision CIPM/112-09 (March 2023)

The CIPM decided to establish a CIPM Sub-Committee on Governance to execute the mandate given by the CGPM at its 27th meeting (2022) to modernize the organization, and appointed Dr P. Richard as the Chair. Dr V.G. Achanta, Dr D. del Campo Maldonado, Dr W. Louw, Ms G. Macdonald and Dr T. Usuda agreed to be members. The terms of reference of the CIPM Sub-Committee on Governance were approved.

Terms of reference of the CIPM SC-G

The CIPM Sub-Committee on Governance advises the CIPM in the execution of the mandate of the 27th CGPM to modernize the organization.

It supports the CIPM in modernizing the operations and the governance of the organization.

It consults the State Representatives on the proposed By-Laws of the BIPM and on the Rules of Procedure of the CGPM.

Main issues to address

1. Clarification of the **name of the organs** of the organization and the **name of the organization** itself
2. Clarification about the **roles and responsibilities** of the different **organs and key functions**
(e.g. President of the CIPM, Director of the BIPM-Headquarters).
3. Clarification about the **Election Process of the CIPM Members**

Work of the CIPM SC-Governance

1. Setting up a **structured approach** and **timetable** (March 2023)
2. Preparation of an **approach paper** for the drafting of the BIPM By-Laws with different options (April-May 2023)
3. **First plenary meeting** of the CIPM SC-Governance with detailed discussion on the approach paper (June 2023)
4. Preparation of a **position paper** with proposed options to be followed (July 2023)
5. **Consultation of legal experts** on the position paper (August-September 2023)

CIPM SC-G summary



15 preparatory
work sessions



1 approach paper



1 intensive in-person
plenary meeting



3 independent legal
experts consulted



1 position paper

Next steps

1. Preparation of a final **position paper**, after the consultation of the legal experts (October 2023)
2. First draft of the **BIPM By-Laws** by an independent legal expert (November 2023)
3. Consultation of the CIPM SC-G, the CEC and the CIPM (December 2023)
4. First **official consultation of Member States** (January-February 2024)
5. Report of the consultation, second draft, information, second official consultation of Member States (March-October 2024)



Thank you for your attention

Please contact me directly for questions or inputs

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