

Status on the By-Laws of the BIPM and the Rules of Procedure of the CGPM

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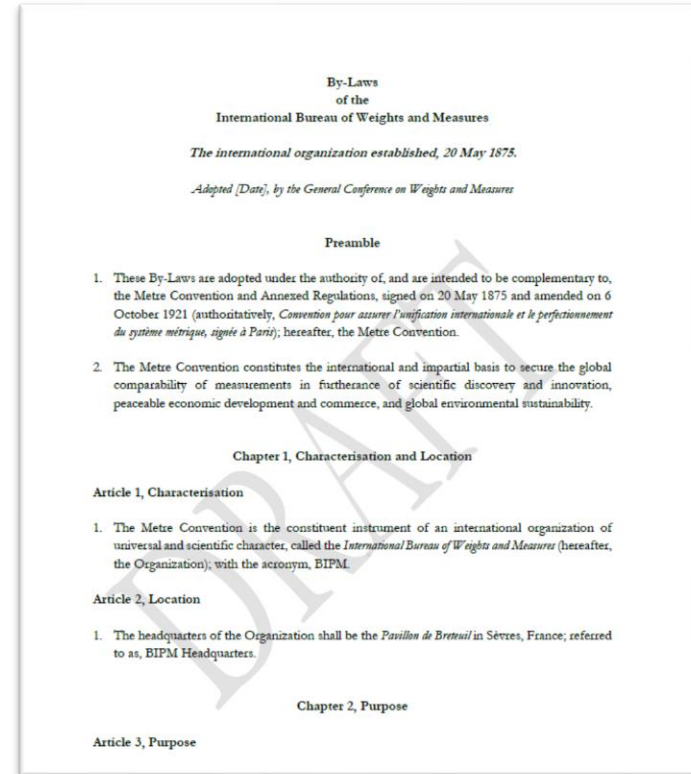
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The Mandate

- ◆ The **27th CGPM** gave the CIPM the mandate to prepare By-Laws for the organization and during this process to **consult widely with the Member States**.
- ◆ The **CIPM** created the CIPM **Sub-Committee on Governance** (CIPM SC-G) and gave him the mandate to prepare the relevant draft documents (By-Laws, Rules of Procedure of the CGPM and explanatory documents)



The Objectives

- ◆ **Modernize the Organization** and put established practice on paper (without amending the Metre Convention)
- ◆ Clarify imprecisions in the description of certain **organizational elements and roles**
- ◆ Clarify the **conduct of the CGPM** and the **voting process**
- ◆ **Reach consensus** at the 28th CGPM in 2026
(and conclude the recurring discussions on these subjects)

The Principles for a Modern Governance

**Transparency
and Accountability**



Responsibility



Efficiency



**Clarity
and Fairness**



The Urgency

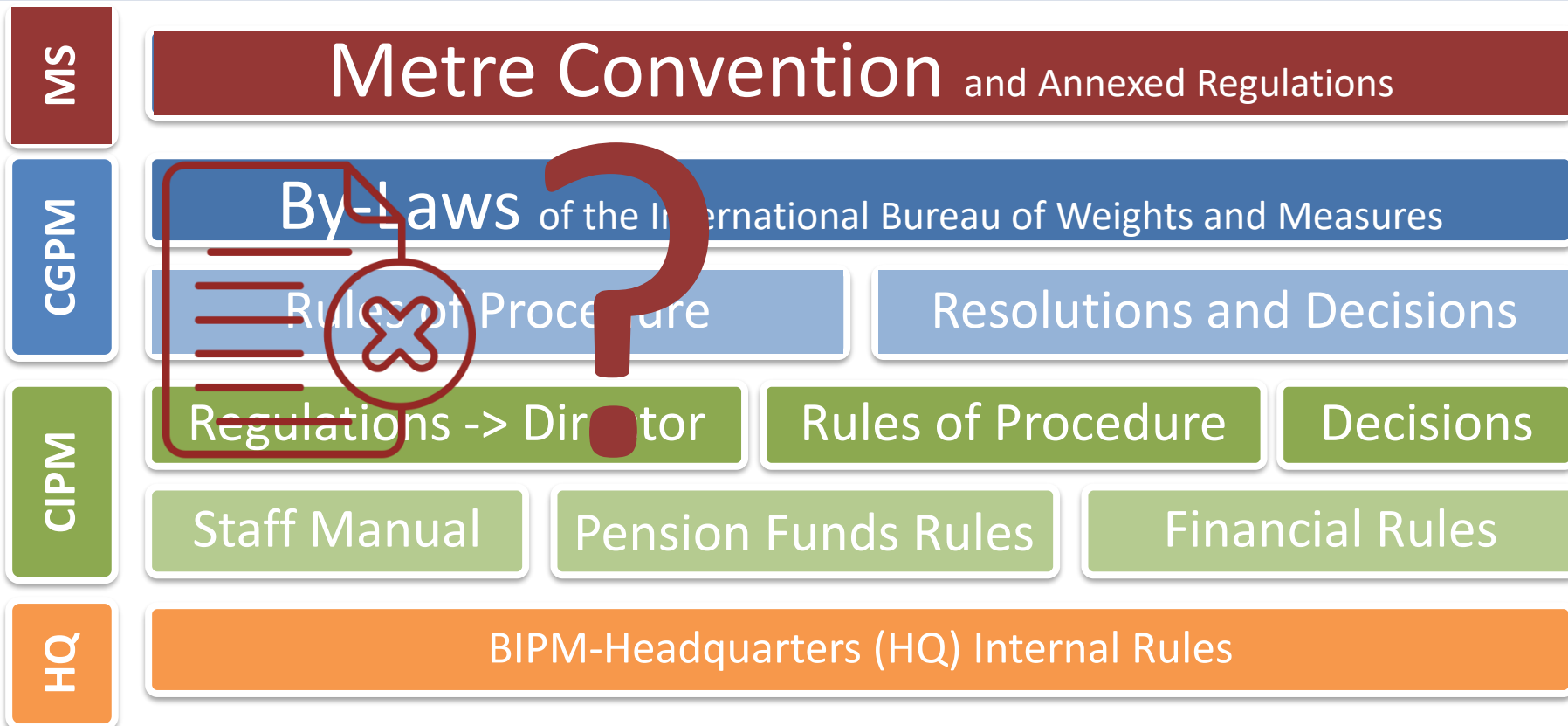


- ◆ The ILO Tribunal found the election process of the CIPM Members irregular...
 - ☛ ☛ Redefine the **election process** of the CIPM Members
- ◆ Conclude recurring discussions and concentrate our efforts on strategy and future needs...
 - ☛ ☛ Clarify the **name of the organs** of the organization and the name of the organization itself
- ◆ The recruitment of the next Director has started...
 - ☛ ☛ Define the **roles and responsibilities** of the different organs and key functions

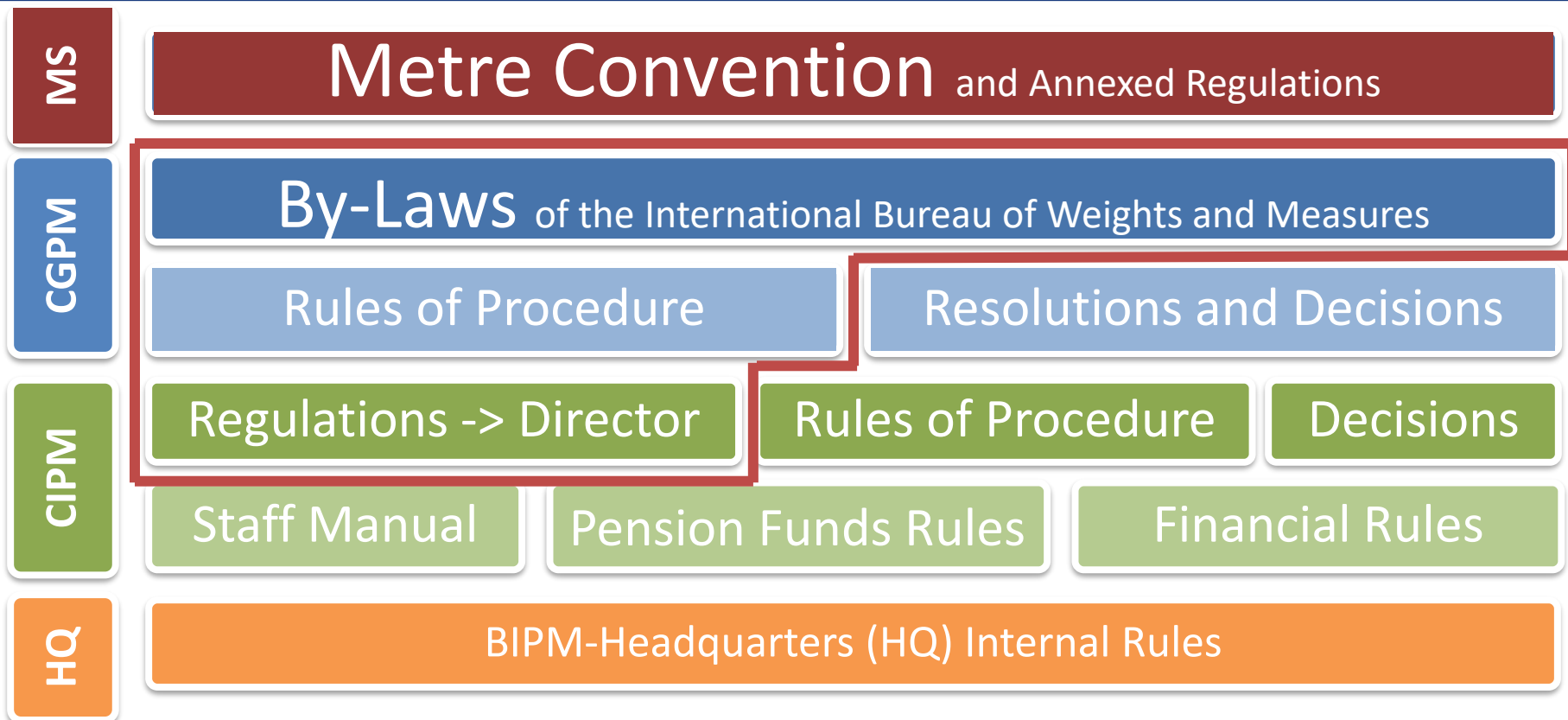


- ◆ Formal communication via embassies has shown its weaknesses...
- ◆ Member State delegations are only formally set up during CGPM meetings...
 - 👉 👉 Establish a **communication channel** with the Member States Representatives between CGPMs (planned in the RoP of the CGPM)

The Appropriate Instruments (under development)



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By-Laws of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures

- ◆ International Organization and Location
- ◆ Purpose
- ◆ Membership and Finances
- ◆ Structure
- ◆ General Conference on Weights and Measures
- ◆ International Committee of Weights and Measures
- ◆ Director and Staff
- ◆ Legal Status
- ◆ Governance



Rules of Procedure of the General Conference of Weights and Measures

- ◆ Meetings
- ◆ Agenda and Documents
- ◆ Attendance and Credentials
- ◆ Chairing and Secretariat
- ◆ Languages and Records
- ◆ Proceedings, Quorum and Voting
- ◆ Renewal of the International Committee
- ◆ Amendment and Entry into Force



Attributions of the Director (Regulation)

- ◆ General framework
- ◆ Tasks and responsibilities
- ◆ Signature competence for daily business of the HQ
- ◆ Signature competence in the name of the CIPM

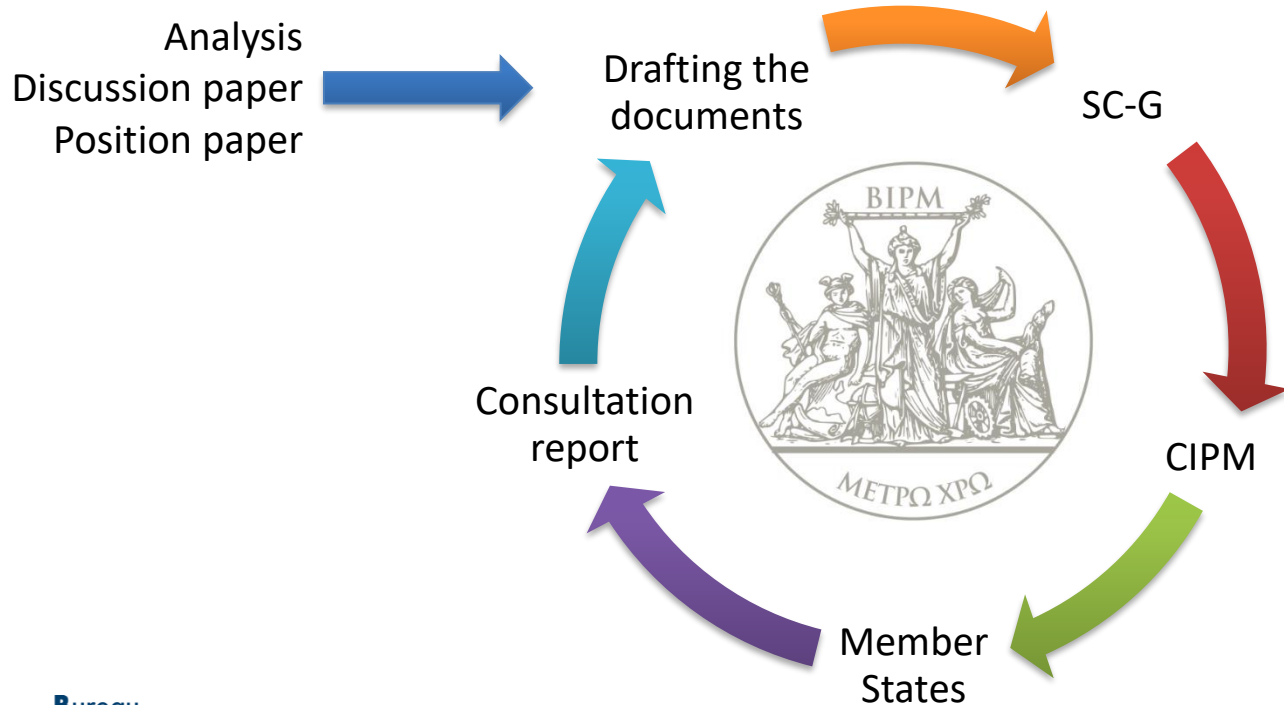


Three interdependent documents



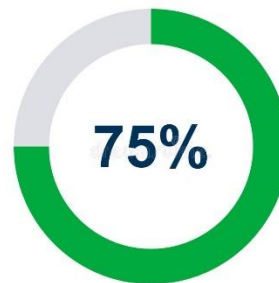
- ◆ **By-Laws** of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures
- ◆ **Rules of Procedure** of the General Conference of Weights and Measures
- ◆ **Regulation** governing the **attributions** of the Director
- 👉 👉 **Because of their strong interdependance they have to be read and considered together.**
- 👉 👉 **These three documents must form a coherent whole.**

The Process (up to now)



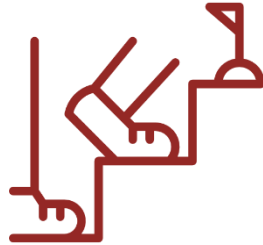
The Consultation, Management Summary 1/3

- ◆ The **hard work** carried out by the CIPM SC-G and the CIPM as well as the **high quality of the draft By-Laws** is **acknowledged**
- ◆ Consultation response rate: **25 %** (16/64 Member States)
- ◆ **75 % in favour**
- ◆ **25 % with significant reservations**
- ◆ Some difficulties in transmitting information between embassies and ministries



The Consultation, Management Summary 2/3

A big step forward



No objections on the **naming** proposals



No comments on the CIPM **election procedure**

The Consultation, Management Summary 3/3

Main reservations

- ◆ Can the proposed By-Laws be adopted by the CGPM without a formal ratification (amendment of the Metre Convention)?
 - Who is the legal representative of the Organization?
 - What could be set aside in favor of a consensus, without losing too much substance?
- ◆ What is the legal effect of the By-Laws?

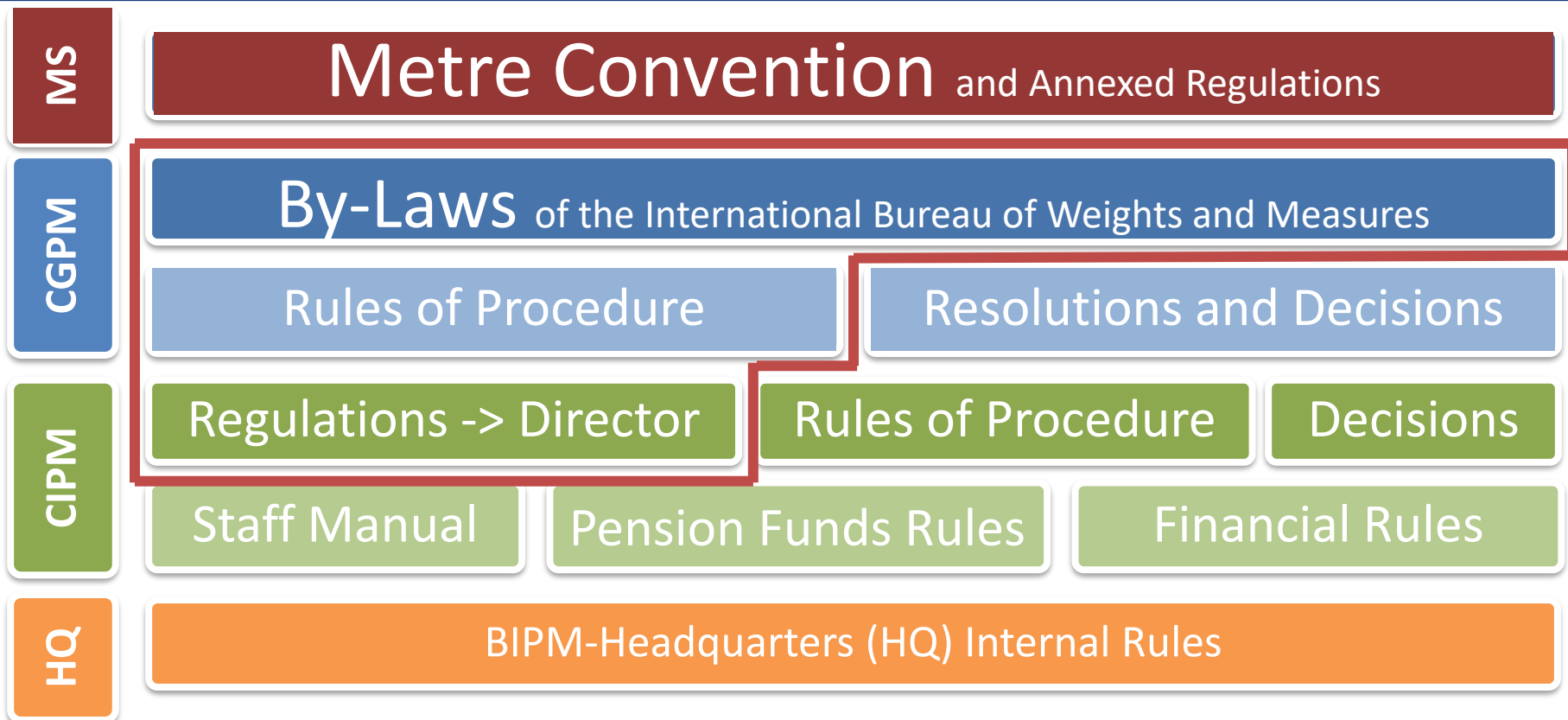
The Next Steps 1/2

- ◆ The external legal expert will address the main reservations in a short note
- ◆ The overview of the first consultation and the short note will be discussed at the CIPM SC-G
- ◆ The CIPM will review the documents and define the next steps

The Next Steps 2/2 (to be further defined by the CIPM)

- ◆ Bilateral exchange with the authors of the significant reservations
- ◆ After reaching sufficient agreement: 2nd version of draft By-Laws
- ◆ First draft Rules of Procedure of the CGPM (preliminary draft)
- ◆ First draft Regulation governing the attributions of the Director
- ◆ Next consultation of the Member States (in 2025)
 - Draft documents on the BIPM website, link to the embassies and copy to the Member States representatives and to the NMI directors.
 - A single coordinated reply per Member State.

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Thank you

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