
BIPM FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Financial Regulations approved by the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM) at its 98th meeting in October 2009. They entered into force on 1 January 2010 and cancel and replace the previous provisions of Financial Regulations.

The CIPM amended Article 15 at its 101st meeting in October 2012.

The CIPM reviewed the regulations in October 2015, and made changes to Articles 1, 7, 16 and 18, They deleted Articles 8, 9, 10 and 12.

The CIPM amended Article 16 at Session II of its 113th meeting in June 2024.

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— PART 1 —
SCOPE, APPLICATION AND DEFINITIONS

Article 1 — General principles

- 1.1 These Financial Regulations follow from and are in accordance with Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the Metre Convention and Articles 6, 7, 15, 19 and 20 of the Annexed Regulations to the Metre Convention and shall govern the financial administration of the *Bureau International des Poids et Mesures* (hereinafter *the BIPM*).
- 1.2 The Director shall adopt Financial Rules as needs occur. The Director shall ensure effective implementation of the present Financial Regulations and of the Financial Rules.
- 1.3 The currency used by the BIPM is the currency in use in France (referred to in this document as “Euro”).

Article 2 — Financial period and quadrennium

- 2.1 The financial period of the BIPM shall extend from 1 January to 31 December.
- 2.2 A quadrennium is made of 4 financial periods.

Article 3 — Definitions

- 3.1 The Dotation is the annual total sum voted by the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) providing the necessary appropriations for the functioning of the BIPM and the carrying out of its activities, at least for each of the 4 financial periods of the quadrennium. The Dotation is re-evaluated as necessary at meetings of the CGPM.
- 3.2 The Budget is the document whereby the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM) accords the necessary commitment authorization for the functioning of the BIPM and the carrying out of its activities for one financial period.
- 3.3 The term “*commitment authorization*” means the authority conferred upon the Director to enter into obligations in the name of the BIPM during the financial period in question. The term “*appropriation*” means the sum of money which the Director is authorized to disburse in the course of the financial period in respect of the expenses to which such appropriation relates.

— PART 2 —
DOTATION

Article 4 — Dotation process

Establishment of the Draft re-evaluated Dotation

- 4.1 The CIPM shall establish a draft for re-evaluation of the Dotation for the implementation of the Programme of Work.
- 4.2 The Draft re-evaluated Dotation shall follow the format set forth below.
- 4.2.1 The Dotation shall be in Euros.
- 4.2.2 The Dotation shall comprise the fixed and complementary parts mentioned in Article 6 of the Annexed Regulations to the Metre Convention.

The Dotation shall cover general expenses related to the BIPM's mission and core activities of common interest to all Member States, including all operating, scientific equipment, maintenance and renovation of buildings and human resources expenditure.

The source of finance of the Dotation shall be the assessed contributions of Member States.

Approval of the Dotation

- 4.3 The CIPM shall submit the Draft re-evaluated Dotation to the CGPM in the Convocation to the next meeting of the CGPM and no later than 9 months before this next meeting, and the corresponding *Programme of Work and Budget* no later than 6 months before this said meeting, in order to give Member States time to instruct their delegates to the meeting.
- 4.4 Before the opening of each quadrennium, the CGPM shall approve the re-evaluated Dotation for the 4 financial periods of the quadrennium.
- 4.5 The re-evaluated Dotation shall be approved only if no Member State votes against.

Absence of approval of the re-evaluated Dotation

- 4.6 If it has not been possible to approve the re-evaluated Dotation for the next quadrennium, the CGPM may decide not to close its meeting until the re-evaluated Dotation is approved and the Member States shall be convened to a meeting held no later than 9 months later, aimed at approving the Draft re-evaluated Dotation. On the day the re-evaluated Dotation is finally approved, the meeting of the CGPM will be considered as closed.
- 4.7 Until the approval of the re-evaluated Dotation, the Dotation previously approved for the 4th financial period of the preceding quadrennium continues unchanged into the next quadrennium and until such time as the CGPM approves a re-evaluated Dotation. The Director is authorized to commit expenditure and make payments within the limit of the appropriations approved under the 4th financial period of the preceding quadrennium Dotation.

Article 5 — Supplementary Dotation

Should circumstances so require, the CIPM may prepare one or more Draft supplementary Dotations, to be approved by the CGPM.

— **PART 3** —
BUDGET

Article 6 — Approval of the Budget

- 6.1 The CIPM approves the annual Budget, on the proposal of the Director and based on the Dotation, before the opening of the ensuing financial period.
- 6.2 The Budget shall be in Euros.
- 6.3 The CIPM approves the Budget by majority vote. In the case of a tie, the President of the CIPM has a casting vote.
- 6.4 Approval of the Budget by the CIPM shall empower the Director to receive, in addition to the contributions related to the Dotation, any other income included in the Budget.
- 6.5 The approval of the Budget by the CIPM shall also empower the Director to enter into obligations in the name of the BIPM during the financial period in question.

Article 7 — Commitments to be made in a future financial period

The Director is authorized to undertake commitments in a financial period for expenditure to be made after the end of that period in the following cases:

- Employment of staff;
- Contracts for the preservation and maintenance of the assets as well as for utilities; and
- Contracts for the procurement of goods and services provided that the expenditure at stake is covered by the appropriation available in the financial period in which the commitment is made.

— PART 4 —
APPROPRIATIONS

Articles 8, 9 and 10 - Deleted

Article 11 — Transfer of appropriations

11.1 Appropriations may be transferred between Chapters of the Budget.

11.2 Transfers from one Chapter to another are:

- decided by the Director up to an amount not exceeding 100 000 Euros per year;
- approved by the CIPM for an amount above 100 000 Euros and not exceeding 500 000 Euros per year.

A summary of the transfers of appropriations shall be submitted to the CIPM at the closing of accounts.

Article 12 — Deleted

— PART 5 —
INCOME AUTHORIZATIONS

Article 13 — Member States Contributions

- 13.1 The Dotation is distributed among Member States according to Article 20 of the Annexed Regulations to the Metre Convention and the decisions adopted by the CGPM at its 11th, 16th and 18th meetings.
- 13.2 At the end of a financial period, the bureau of the CIPM shall present to Member States the Table of the contributive parts for the ensuing financial period in a document entitled “*NOTIFICATION DES PARTS CONTRIBUTIVES DUES PAR LES GOUVERNEMENTS DES HAUTES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES POUR L’ENTRETIEN DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DES POIDS ET MESURES ET DES SOUSCRIPTIONS DUES PAR LES ETATS ET ENTITES ÉCONOMIQUES ASSOCIÉS À LA CONFÉRENCE GÉNÉRALE*”, giving the table of repartition of the Dotation for the ensuing financial period, the method of calculation, the percentages of repartition for each Member State and the terms of payment.
- 13.3 The contributive part of each Member State for the financial period shall be determined following the method approved by the CGPM, based upon the *Scale of Assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations* adopted by the United Nations Organization in force at the time of the calculation of the Table of the contributive parts and for the period mentioned in the *Scale of Assessment* of the United Nations Organization. If such a *Scale of Assessments* is not yet available from the United Nations Organization for the period in question, the previous *Scale of Assessments* is maintained until such time that the new *Scale of Assessments* is available when the contribution will be re-calculated using the new *Scale of Assessments* and appropriate adjustments made in the next *NOTIFICATION*.

The contribution of each State cannot be less than a minimum nor higher than a maximum. The maximum and minimum amounts were set by the CGPM at its 11th meeting at 10 % and 0.5 % of the total Dotation. Since the 16th meeting of the CGPM, these maximum and minimum have been re-evaluated at the beginning of each quadrennium by multiplying them by a factor of $100/(100 + x)$, where “x” is equal to the sum of percentages of repartition corresponding to Member States having acceded to the Metre Convention during the previous quadrennium.

The calculation of the Table of contributive parts shall also take into account the Member States obligation to pay supplementary sums to make up the Dotation due to the default of Member States which advantages and prerogatives are suspended in accordance with Article 6 of the Annexed Regulations to the Metre Convention.

- 13.4 If a Member State previously in arrears by more than three years pays its arrears of contributions, then the advances made by the other Member States are returned to them.
- 13.5 Contributions shall be payable in Euros, or in a Euro convertible currency, at the beginning of each year.
- 13.6 The contributions in arrears shall be recovered in accordance with Article 6 of the Annexed Regulations to the Metre Convention and Resolution 8 adopted by the CGPM at its 23rd meeting (*cf.* Annex 1).

Article 14 — Contributions of new Member States

- 14.1 In accordance with Article 11 of the Metre Convention and the decision made by the CIPM at its 49th session, a State which becomes a Member State during the financial period shall be required to make an entry contribution equal to its first annual contribution and shall be required to make a contribution for the financial period in accordance with Article 13.3 above.
- 14.2 When an Associate State accedes to the Metre Convention, the entry contribution will be reduced by an amount equals to its subscriptions paid as an Associate up to a maximum of 5 years subscription (*cf.* Annex 2).

Article 15 — Subscriptions of Associates

- 15.1 In accordance with Resolution 3 adopted by the CGPM at its 21st meeting (*cf.* Annex 3), the Associate States and Economies of the CGPM shall pay an annual subscription to the BIPM to meet the cost of providing the services that the CIPM made available to them.
- 15.2 In accordance with Resolution 4 adopted by the CGPM at its 24th meeting (*cf.* Annex 4), the assessed subscription of each Associate State shall be, as from the calculation of the subscriptions starting for the year 2013 and during an initial 5-year period following accession to the status of Associate of the CGPM, determined from its UN contribution, as for Member States, but with a minimum equal to 0.1 % of the annual Dotation of the BIPM.

After the said period, if the CIPM considers, on the basis of the criteria it adopted, that it would be appropriate for an Associate State to become a State Party to the Metre Convention, the amount of subscription for such an Associate is progressively and irreversibly increased each year so that it reaches, in five years, an amount equivalent to 90 % of the annual contribution it would pay as a State Party to the Metre Convention. However, such increase will not apply to Associate States whose annual subscription is already equal to the contribution they would pay as a State Party to the Metre Convention.

This progressive and irreversible increase will be applicable starting on the 1st January of the second year following the CIPM decision to encourage an Associate State to become a State Party to the Metre Convention.

As long as an Associate State does not fulfil the above-mentioned criteria to be encouraged to become a State Party to the Metre Convention, its subscription will continue to be determined as during the initial 5-year period.

- 15.3 In accordance with Resolution 5 adopted by the CGPM at its 24th meeting (*cf.* Annex 5), the annual subscription of Associate Economies are determined by the CGPM.
- 15.4 At the end of a financial period, the bureau of the CIPM shall present to Associates the amount of their assessed subscriptions for the ensuing financial period.
- 15.5 Assessed subscriptions shall be payable in Euros, or in a Euro convertible currency, at the beginning of each year.
- 15.6 The subscriptions in arrears shall be recovered in accordance with Resolution 3 adopted by the CGPM at its 21st meeting.

Article 16 — Reserve Fund and the use of unreserved cash or cash equivalent

- 16.1 A Reserve Fund exists aimed at covering the fluctuations in payments of annual contributions from Member States. The Reserve Fund shall represent 50 % of the annual dotation. (ref decision CIPM/106-24 (2017),
- 16.2 When unreserved cash and cash equivalent is available, the CIPM may authorize expenditure beyond the agreed budget for:
- Exceptional investment in equipment or building infrastructure that could not have been foreseen at the time of the development of the long-term financial plan,
 - Exceptional spend required to improve long-term environmental conditions or to carry out other site remediation work resulting from historic events,
 - Exceptional un-insured loss,
 - Any other exceptional, unforeseen or unavoidable expenses, including, but not limited to, transfers to the BIPM Pension and Provident Fund.

(ref Decision CIPM/113-16)

Article 17 — Grants, bequests and other income

- 17.1 The BIPM is authorized to accept any grant or bequest or any income (hereinafter collectively referred to as “grant”), e.g. under partnership agreements with other intergovernmental organizations or the public authorities of Member States, Associate States or Economies, or non-associated Economies.

The Director is authorized to accept any grant in an amount not exceeding 200 000 Euros. Other grants are subject to acceptance by the CIPM.

The Director shall report on all acceptances to the bureau of the CIPM on a quarterly basis and to the CIPM annually.

- 17.2 Grants properly accepted shall be the object of an appropriation under the chapters corresponding to their purpose. Appropriations which have not been committed before the end of the current financial period shall be automatically carried forward for the ensuing financial period until the termination of the activity(ies) for which the amount was intended.
- 17.3 The BIPM may only receive grants to carry out activities included in the Programme of Work.
- 17.4 The Director shall ensure that the activity, for which the grant is proposed, is included in the Programme of Work or in support of an activity or objective approved by the CGPM, that the BIPM is capable of complying in full with the proposed terms of the grant agreement and that the cost of obtaining and managing the grant should be significantly outweighed by the benefits to the BIPM.
- 17.5 The Director shall establish a system of preliminary control of the legal and financial acceptability of the terms and conditions of a proposed grant, as well as of the financial risk that would be associated with such a grant.
- 17.6 The BIPM shall encourage donors to make their grants available to the BIPM in Euros, or in a Euro convertible currency.
- 17.7 In the absence of any provision regarding surpluses in a grant agreement funding a specific activity, such surpluses shall be reassigned to another activity with the donor’s prior written approval.
- 17.8 A system shall be established with donors to administer charges for directly attributable variable costs plus appropriate associated overhead costs to grants.

— PART 6 —
PENSION FUND

Article 18 — Pension Fund

- 18.1 The Pension and Provident Fund (now referred to as “The Pension Fund”) was established by the CGPM at its 3rd meeting in 1901 for the staff of the BIPM; the CGPM, at its 10th meeting, transferred to the CIPM responsibility for its administration, which, since then, adopts the *Regulations and Rules of the BIPM Pension Fund*.
- 18.2 The purpose of the Pension Fund shall be the payment to BIPM staff members of pensions, allowances, indemnities or any other benefits payable under the *Regulations of the BIPM Pension Fund*, to the exclusion of any other payment.
- 18.3 To service these pensions, allowances, indemnities and other benefit, a Pension and Provident Fund is maintained from the financial resources specified in the above regulations.
- 18.4 The Pension Fund shall be the subject of separate financial statements.

— PART 7 —
RESERVE FUND FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

Article 19 — Reserve Fund for Health Insurance

- 19.1 As decided by the CIPM at its 80th session, a Reserve Fund for Health Insurance provides a guarantee in the event of failure of the private insurance company in charge of insuring the risks related to sickness, death and incapacity, work accidents and funerals expenditures for staff and retired staff members in accordance with the *Regulations, Rules and Instructions applicable to staff members*. In such a situation, medical cover for staff and retired staff members will be provided out of from the Reserve Fund for Health Insurance until such time as a contract with a new insurer can be arranged.
- 19.2 The Reserve Fund for Health Insurance shall be the subject of separated accounts in the financial statements.

— PART 8 —
COMMITMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

Article 20 – Commitment authorization

The Director is authorized to undertake commitments in a financial period.

Article 21 – Delegation

The Director may delegate to staff members of the BIPM his/her authority in writing as he or she considers necessary. Except if authorized in writing by the Director, the staff member to whom a power has been so delegated may not sub-delegate it.

— PART 9 —
CONTROL SYSTEM

Article 22— Control System

The internal financial and budgetary control system comprises all of the procedures and processes designed to ensure efficient, effective and proper application of the principles of sound financial management and the protection of assets. The detail of application of these principles is contained in the Financial Rules adopted by the Director, in the *Regulations and Rules applicable to staff members of the BIPM* and the *Regulations and Rules of the BIPM Pension and Provident Fund* which are approved by the CIPM.

Article 23 — Responsibility of the Director

The Director shall be responsible for implementing the internal financial and budgetary control system.

Article 24 — Accounting principles and reports

- 24.1 The accounting records of the BIPM shall be kept in Euros.
- 24.2 The financial statements of the BIPM shall be prepared by the Director and shall meet the requirements for transparency and accountability towards Member States by the use of current IPSAS standards.
- 24.3 The significant accounting policies adopted and the manner of their application shall be set forth in a note on accounting policies included in each financial period's financial statements.
- 24.4 The Director shall submit draft financial statements and the draft report on the out-turn of the budget to the bureau of the CIPM and to the Chair of the CIPM Finance Sub-committee no later than the 31 March of the year following the close of the financial period in question.
- 24.5 An External Auditor shall report annually and directly to the CIPM on the financial statements no later than the 31 May of the year following the close of the financial period in question
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- 24.6 Reports shall be prepared by the Director for each financial period and submitted to the CIPM at its next session in accordance with Article 19 of the Metre Convention.

Article 25 —Discharge and annual report to Member States

- 25.1 On the basis of the financial statements, the report of the Director on the out-turn of the Budget and the report of the External Auditor, the CIPM shall discharge the Director of the BIPM from all liability in respect of his or her administration for the previous financial period according to Article 19 of the Metre Convention.
- 25.2 According to Article 19 of the Metre Convention, the bureau of the CIPM shall address an annual report to the Member States on the administrative and financial situation of the BIPM for the previous financial period. This report shall include:
- the financial statements;
 - a report on the implementation of the Budget;
 - the Budget for the ensuing financial period;
 - a summary on the activity of the CIPM and its Consultative Committees mentioning departure of CIPM members and nomination of new CIPM members;
 - a summary of the work carried out during the financial period;

- a table detailing the contributions received from each Member State during the financial period and the situation of the unsettled contributions at the end of the financial period for each Member State;
- a table detailing the subscriptions received from each Associate during the financial period and the situation of the unsettled subscriptions at the end of the financial period for each Associate;
- the table of the contributive parts of Member States for the ensuing financial period;
- the table of the subscriptions of Associates for the ensuing financial period; and
- a list of the CIPM members.

Article 26 — Procurement of goods and services

“Procurement” is the acquisition by the BIPM from third parties of goods and services necessary for its functioning and for the implementation of the Programme of Work.

The procurement of goods and services shall optimise value for money whilst maintaining transparency in the selection of suppliers.

The competitive procurement process is the preferred means by which the BIPM selects the most economically and technically advantageous offer for the supply of goods and services.

This competitive procurement process shall be set out in rules adopted by the Director.

— PART 10 —
CASH MANAGEMENT

Article 27 — Cash management operations

The Director is authorized to carry out cash management operations which are necessary in the interests of the BIPM and, in particular, to invest funds not immediately required. For this purpose, the Director may perform any administrative act or disposal and, in particular, may purchase and transfer securities. The Director shall inform the CIPM of the investments made and shall take account of any proposals made on such occasions.

— PART 11 —
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 28 — Writing off of loss of assets

The Director may authorize the writing off of loss of assets, except for contributions of Member States and subscriptions of Associates in arrears. The Director shall seek the prior opinion of the bureau of the CIPM before writing off any loss of assets in an amount in excess of 10 000 Euros. A full statement of all significant amounts written off shall be attached as an annex to the financial statements.

Article 29 — Review of Financial Regulations

These Financial Regulations shall be subject to review by the CIPM no later than 5 years after their adoption.

— Annex 1 —

Resolution 8 of the 23rd meeting of the CGPM (2007)

The 23rd General Conference,

recalling that

Article 6 al. 6 to 8 of the Rules annexed to the Metre Convention reads:

*«6. Si un État est demeuré trois années sans effectuer le versement de sa contribution, celle-ci est répartie entre les autres États, au prorata de leurs propres contributions. Les sommes supplémentaires, versées ainsi par les États pour parfaire le montant de la dotation du Bureau, sont considérées comme une avance faite à l'État retardataire, et leur sont remboursées si celui-ci vient à acquitter ses contributions arriérées.
7. Les avantages et prérogatives conférés par l'adhésion à la Convention du Mètre sont suspendus à l'égard des États déficitaires de trois années.
8. Après trois nouvelles années, l'État déficitaire est exclu de la Convention, et le calcul des contributions est rétabli conformément aux dispositions de l'article 20 du présent Règlement.»*

and Article 11 of the Metre Convention reads:

«11. Les Gouvernements qui useraient de la faculté, réservée à tout État, d'accéder à la présente Convention, seront tenus d'acquitter une contribution dont le montant sera déterminé par le Comité sur les bases établies à l'article 9, et qui sera affectée à l'amélioration du matériel scientifique du Bureau.»

considering

- the importance of the work carried out by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) and the services delivered to Member States,
- the absolute necessity that contributions of Member States be paid timely and consistently to allow the BIPM to fulfil its mission and to avoid financial problems in the day-to-day operation of the BIPM,
- the need to define the decision-making process and a procedure governing the recovery of arrears and exclusion,

invites Member States which have failed to fulfil their financial obligations to pay their outstanding arrears,

decides that

- when a Member State has not paid its contributions for six years, the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM) shall send to the defaulting Member State a formal notification inviting it to fulfil its financial obligations and reminding it of the procedure governing the recovery of arrears and exclusion. Such a notification shall be sent no later than nine months before the next meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM),
- the CIPM may enter into a rescheduling agreement with that defaulting Member State for the payment of its arrears,
- if, further to the above-mentioned notification, a Member State persists in its failure to fulfil its financial obligations or does not perform its obligations under an agreement with the CIPM, the latter shall recommend to the CGPM to take a decision with regard to the exclusion of that State in accordance with Article 6 al. 8 of the Rules annexed to the Metre Convention,
- the exclusion shall be notified by the CGPM to that Member State through the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which shall accordingly inform all Member States,
- an excluded Member State may only again accede to the Metre Convention if its remaining arrears have been paid. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Metre Convention, that Member State shall pay an entrance contribution equal to its first annual contribution,
- a Member State which withdraws may only again accede to the Metre Convention if its remaining arrears have been paid. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Metre Convention, that Member State shall pay an entrance contribution equal to its first annual contribution.

— Annex 2 —

Resolution 5 of the 23rd meeting of the CGPM (2007)

The 23rd General Conference,

considering

- Resolution 3 of the 21st General Conference,
- that the status of Associate State should be a possible first step to accede to the Metre Convention,
- the technical and economic benefits gained by Associates,
- the level of the financial subscription of the Associates in relation to these activities and benefits,
- the increasing costs to Member States of the participation of Associates in the CIPM MRA and in some elements of the work of Consultative Committees,

invites the International Committee to draw up criteria which would enable it to review whether it would be appropriate for an Associate to become a Member State and to report to the 24th General Conference on any changes to the conditions regarding the status of Associate,

decides

- that the International Committee will review the situation of each Associate State five years after its admission as an Associate with a view to encouraging it to accede to the Metre Convention,
- that an application to become an Associate of the CGPM will not be considered from States which were previously a State party to the Metre Convention, and
- that an Associate State which accedes to the Metre Convention will pay an entrance fee from which its subscriptions paid as Associate of the CGPM, will be deducted, up to a maximum of five years subscription.

— Annex 3 —

Resolution 3 of the 21st meeting of the CGPM (1999)

The 21st Conférence Générale des Poids et Mesures,

considering that

- the worldwide measurement infrastructure, based on the International System of Units (SI) used in almost every aspect of modern society, rests on the universal application of the decisions of the General Conference,
- all States, not only those that are Member States of the Metre Convention, engage in measurements which are related to trade and need to be traceable to the SI,
- States which are not Member States of the Metre Convention are at present excluded from the activities of the Convention,
- Member States of the Metre Convention support the world's measurement system by devoting considerable financial resources to the BIPM and to their own national measurement systems,
- many smaller States would have difficulty in allocating funds sufficient to meet the cost of membership of the Metre Convention,

decides

- to assume a responsibility for providing those States and Economies not yet members of the Metre Convention with the means to establish links to the world's measurement system so as to provide recognition of the traceability of their measurements to the SI,
- that an important link can be through participation in the mutual recognition arrangement related to national measurement standards now operated by the International Committee,
- that participation in the arrangement for such a State or Economy should be by the association of their national metrology institutes with a regional metrology organization that is a member of the Joint Committee of the Regional Metrology Organizations and the BIPM,

and consequently **decides**

- to invite such States and Economies to take part in the General Conference as Associates, thereby establishing the connection with the Member States of the Metre Convention necessary for them to participate in the mutual recognition arrangement,
- that Associate States and Economies of the General Conference participate in the Conference through the appointment of non-voting observers,
- that Associate States and Economies shall pay an annual subscription to the BIPM to meet the cost of providing the services that the International Committee may make available to them; the annual subscription of each Associate State or Economy will be determined from its UN contribution, as for Member States but with a minimum equal to 0.05 % of the annual dotation of the BIPM,
- that a State or Economy wishing to become an Associate may do so by application to the Director of the BIPM, either directly or through its Embassy in Paris, and by the payment of the first annual subscription,
- that an Associate State or Economy three years in arrears with its subscription cease to be an Associate; it may be reinstated on payment of these arrears.

— Annex 4 —

Resolution 4 of the 24th meeting of the CGPM (2011)

The General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM), at its 24th meeting,

recalling

- Resolution 3 adopted by the CGPM at its 21st meeting in 1999,
- Resolution 5 adopted by the CGPM at its 23rd meeting in 2007,

considering

- the growing participation of Associate States of the CGPM in the work carried out under the Metre Convention,
- the scientific and economic benefits gained by Associate States, in particular from their participation in the *Mutual Recognition Arrangement of National Measurement Standards and of Calibration and Measurement Certificates issued by National Metrology Institutes* (CIPM MRA) and from some services of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) that the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM) made available to them,
- the increasing effective costs for the States Parties to the Metre Convention of these benefits for the Associate States,
- that the status of Associate State could constitute a first step to accede to the Metre Convention,

noting

- the decisions made by the CIPM at its 98th and 99th sessions, adopting the following criteria enabling it to review whether it would be appropriate for an Associate State to become a State Party to the Metre Convention:
 - o Signature of the CIPM MRA by the Associate State's National Metrology Institute,
 - o Publication of comparison results in the key comparison database (KCDB),
 - o Having one or more Calibration and Measurement Capability (CMC) listed in the KCDB,

decides that

- during an initial 5-year period following the accession to the status of Associate of the CGPM, Associate States shall pay an annual subscription determined from their contributions to the United Nations Organisation, as for States Parties to the Metre Convention, with a minimum equal to 0.1 % of the annual *dotation* of the BIPM,
- this decision will be applicable to current Associate States for the calculation of their subscription starting for the year 2013,
- after the above-mentioned initial 5-year period, if the CIPM considers, on the basis of the criteria it adopted, that it would be appropriate for an Associate State to become a State Party to the Metre Convention, the amount of subscription for such an Associate will be progressively and irreversibly increased each year so that it reaches, in five years, an amount equivalent to 90 % of the annual contribution it would pay as a State Party to the Metre Convention,
- this progressive and irreversible increase will be applicable starting on the 1st January of the second year following the CIPM decision to encourage an Associate State to become a State Party to the Metre Convention,
- the CIPM review of the situation of Associate States in 2011 will be used in application of the present Resolution and that the first increase of the subscriptions will become effective in 2013,
- such increase will not apply to Associate States whose annual subscription is already equal to the contribution they would pay as a State Party to the Metre Convention,
- as long as an Associate State does not fulfil the above-mentioned criteria to be encouraged to become a State Party to the Metre Convention, it will continue to benefit from the advantages of the Associate Status, as provided for in Resolution 3 adopted by the CGPM at its 21st meeting (1999), and from the BIPM services that the CIPM made available to them, and its subscription will continue to be determined as during the initial 5-year period,

invites

all Associate States, whether fulfilling or not the criteria adopted by the CIPM to encourage Associate States to become States Parties to the Metre Convention, to accede to the Metre Convention as such accession can only be beneficial for the strengthening of the world's measurement system.

— Annex 5 —

Resolution 5 of the 24th meeting of the CGPM (2011)

The General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM), at its 24th meeting,

considering

- Resolution 3 adopted by the CGPM at its 21st meeting (1999), creating the status of Associate of the CGPM open to “*States and Economies*” as a means of promoting their participation in the world’s measurement system,
- Resolution 6 adopted by the CGPM at its 23rd meeting (2007), which considered the desirability of setting criteria against which applications from Economies be assessed,

decides that

- the status of Associate Economy shall not be automatically acquired, but granted unanimously by the CGPM on a case by case basis,
- the decision of the CGPM to grant the status of Associate Economy shall be based on the following criteria:
 - o an Associate Economy must be a Territorial Entity,
 - o the Territorial Entity must possess its own Metrology Institute within its territory,
 - o the participation of the Territorial Entity in the activities of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) must be considered beneficial for the strengthening of the world’s measurement system,
- the annual subscription of such Associate Economies shall be determined by the CGPM,
- Intergovernmental Organizations are not considered as “Territorial Entities”,
- CARICOM, the regional Intergovernmental Organization currently Associate Economy of the CGPM, having acceded to the status of Associate Economy of the CGPM prior to the adoption of the above-mentioned criteria, may continue to enjoy this status despite its not meeting the said criteria,

invites

- the Member States of CARICOM to accede to the Metre Convention or to become Associate States of the CGPM,
- the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM) to consider further appropriate means by which intergovernmental organizations, in particular those from regions without well-developed metrology infrastructure, can be involved in the work of the BIPM and to bring forward proposals to the next meeting of the CGPM on how this can best be achieved.

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