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MEETING
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The OIML Development Council met for the final time on 25 October 2004 at the BMWA, Berlin, in conjunction with the 39th CIML Meeting and 12th Conference.

The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Ghâïet-El-Mouna Annabi, Development Council Chairperson. Also present at the presiding table were Mr. J-F Magaña, BIML Director and Mr. I. Dunmill, BIML Assistant Director.



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Participation

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Mrs. Nadira Hamiham

AUSTRALIA

Dr. Grahame Harvey *CIML Member*

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Mr. H. Ela Essi *CIML Member*
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CHINA

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Dr. Eberhard Seiler
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Dr. J.W. Llewellyn *CIML Member*

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CHINESE TAIPEI

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Observer Countries

BOLIVIA

Mr. Juan Carlos Castillo Villaroel

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Mr. John Anthony, CECIP

Mr. Otto Loesener-Diaz, UNIDO

Mrs. Veronika Martens, CECIP

Mr. Martin Stoll, CECIP

Guest

Mr. Gerard Faber, CIML Past President

BIML

Mr. Jean-François Magaña
Mr. Ian Dunmill

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Introduction and Opening

The Acting CIML President, Mr. Kochsiek, said that he would not repeat the welcome he had given at the Forum but would draw the Meeting's attention to the active role played by the PTB in providing training and assistance for Developing Countries. They had started the previous day with a meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Developing Countries; that day there had been a seminar organized by Dr. Seiler and the BIML, and now the OIML Development Council was holding its last meeting. He then asked Mrs. Annabi to open the Meeting.

Mrs. Annabi invited topics for Item 4 of the agenda and announced that Item 2 would be omitted, since it had already been thoroughly discussed at the Forum.

Roll call

The roll of delegates was called and it was established that 31 CIML Members (out of 60) were present as well as members of the BIML staff.

Approval of the agenda

The Council approved the agenda as follows:

- 1 Report and discussion on the meeting of the OIML Permanent Working Group on Developing Countries (24 October 2004)
- 2 Report and discussion on the Forum: Metrology – Trade Facilitator (25 October 2004)
- 3 Proposals relating to the OIML Development Council
- 4 Other matters

Conclusion and closure of the meeting

Summary of discussions on Item 1

Mrs. Annabi invited Mr. Seiler to give a report on the meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Developing Countries held the previous morning in the Ramada hotel.

Mr. Seiler reported that those present were:

CIML Acting President Mr. Kochsiek;
CIML Immediate Past President Mr. Faber;
Mrs. Annabi (Tunisia);
Dr. Ooiwa (Japan);
Mrs. Saundry (USA);
Mr. Oppermann (USA);
Mr. Tukai (Tanzania);
Mr. Guimarães (Brazil);
Mr. Magaña and Mr. Dunmill (BIML); and
Mr. Castelazo as an observer (BIPM).

The main points discussed were the activities to be undertaken, consisting of:

- Preparation of simplified OIML Recommendations for which there was much need;
- Translation into further languages;
- Provision of teaching materials;
- Collecting and providing equipment; and
- Setting up an internet platform for information exchange.

Final conclusions had not been reached because it had been decided to wait for the outcome of the Forum before structuring the work to be done.

The next meeting was scheduled for the coming Wednesday and Mr Seiler therefore gave the following information as a preliminary report.

The Permanent Working Group had discussed the contributions each of its Members (who also represented Regions and Regional Metrology and/or Legal Metrology Organizations) could make. One of the possibilities envisaged was to enable all Regions to benefit from the work done by each one. For example, teaching materials might be developed which could be made available to other Regions. Members were asked to clarify the question of copyright so that this kind of exchange could be permitted. This exchange process would be aided by the BIML, which would gather all the information together and put it on the OIML web site.

There had also been discussions, and a report from Mr. Magaña, on the current Development Council Meeting.

Mrs. Annabi asked for questions; there were none. Mr. Magaña reminded delegates that the membership of the Permanent Working Group had been decided by the President at the previous CIML Meeting.

Summary of discussions on Item 3

Mr. Magaña asked Mr. Dunmill to continue the report on the item in question. Mr. Dunmill reminded Delegates that at the previous year's Development Council Meeting and CIML Meeting it had been decided that the Permanent Working Group would be set up to continue the work of the Development Council in what it was hoped would be a slightly more effective manner. As a small group of people, it would be able to address more practical problems, and in a much quicker way.

He then repeated the explanation, given at the 2003 CIML Meeting, that the existing Development Council had been set up by the Conference, so a change in its structure required endorsement by the Conference. The Development Council must therefore send a clear decision to the CIML Meeting, which in turn must discuss it and send a clear decision to the Conference, if that was the direction it

wished to take. This procedure might appear bureaucratic, and indeed was bureaucratic, but was necessary due to the way in which the Development Council had been set up, which was why the Permanent Working Group had been established to streamline action more effectively.

Mr. Dunmill went on to list a number of decisions which he suggested the Development Council should take during the current meeting.

Firstly, concerning the Forum held earlier in the day, Mr. Dunmill proposed that the Development Council should thank Mr. Seiler and his colleagues at the PTB for the excellent organization of the Forum, which he felt sure all those present had appreciated.

Mr. Llewellyn endorsed this point and also thanked the BIML and the PTB for organizing what had been a very useful and informative Forum. Some clear messages from it were:

- That legal metrology must be seen as part of a package of standards, quality and wider aspects of metrology;
- That the profile of that packet of issues needed to be raised across the world; and
- That this subject was not merely about legal metrology but about relieving poverty in Developing Countries; politically, this was a very important point to make when dealing with governments. This point on its own would have validated the day.

Mr. Dunmill secondly proposed that it should be recorded that the Development Council had noted the report from Mr. Seiler on the meeting of the Permanent Working Group which had taken place the previous day, and that the Development Council should endorse the actions and the proposals being made by that Permanent Working Group.

There being no comments on this proposal, Mr. Dunmill suggested that the Development Council approve the following decision:

“The Development Council, considering that the organization of the OIML’s work on Developing Countries can be more effectively handled by the Permanent Working Group, proposes to the CIML that the tasks allocated to the Development Council by a decision of the 6th International Conference of Legal Metrology in 1980 should be henceforth transferred to the Permanent Working Group, and decides that the existing Development Council should therefore cease to exist.”

Mr. Dunmill asked for comments.

Mr. Drissi said that this transition from Development Council to Working Group was being made in the interests of efficiency, reducing the number of persons involved in it. He asked whether there might not perhaps be some anxiety about how its organization and structure could be verified, since the number of people having access to its information had been so much reduced.

Mr. Magaña replied that the proposed organizational change was due to the fact that meetings of the Development Council had involved some 70 or even 100 or 120 persons, meeting once a year for half a day, and it was impossible to get on with the work or take any decisions in such a large annual meeting. The proposal was to replace that with a small Working Group, which had been set up, which would perhaps be able to meet more often, but which would also be able to communicate by e-mail throughout the year, and with the smaller group it would be easier to make headway with its tasks. More action would be taken to help developing countries, and every year, at the CIML Meeting, it would be both possible and desirable to organize activities of interest to most developing countries, similar to today’s Forum, so that developing countries in general could react and offer their contributions, over and above what the Permanent Working Group was doing. It would also be possible to offer regional activities. All the above would be set up by the Permanent Working Group and naturally, information on its work would be widely disseminated among the Members and Corresponding Members of the Organization by the BIML, using the internet, e-mail and information letters. In this way it would be possible to do more work than previously, and more information would be sent to developing countries.

Mr. Dunmill added that in the early days of the Development Council there had been more meetings similar to the Forum, more Workshops and so on, and the reason behind the present change was to try to get back to activities of more practical use to developing countries than had been the case in more recent years, when the same information was at times repeated to the same people, even within the same week.

The Development Council unanimously accepted Mr. Dunmill's proposal for the wording of the motion to be put to the CIML Meeting later in the week.

Mr. Dunmill then proposed that the Development Council express its appreciation to Mrs. Annabi for her contribution to the OIML's work on developing countries during her tenure as its Chairperson since 1998.

Mrs. Annabi asked again for proposals under Item 4 of the Agenda. There being none, the Meeting of the Development Council was then declared closed. ■

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- Decisions -

The Development Council took note of opening addresses by the CIML Acting President Prof. Kochsiek and by its Chairperson, Mrs Annabi.

The roll call was made and it was noted that 31 Member States were present, as well as three Corresponding Members, two Observer Countries, four Organisations in Liaison and the CIML Immediate Past-President, Mr Faber.

The Development Council approved the Provisional Agenda without modification and made the following decisions:

- 1 The Development Council thanked Mr. Seiler and his colleagues for the excellent organization of the Forum: *Metrology – Trade facilitator*, which had taken place earlier in the day.
- 2 The Development Council noted Mr. Seiler's report on the meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Developing Countries (PWGDC), which was held on 24 October 2004, and endorsed the PWGDC's proposals.
- 3 The Development Council, considering that the organization of the OIML's work on developing countries is being more effectively handled by the PWGDC, proposed to the Committee that:
 - The tasks allocated to the Development Council by decision of the 6th International Conference of Legal Metrology in 1980 should be transferred to the PWGDC; and
 - The existing Development Council should cease to exist.
- 4 The Development Council expressed its appreciation to Mrs. Annabi for her contribution to the OIML's work on developing countries during her tenure as its Chairperson since 1998. ■

