

## Memorandum of Understanding between the CIPM and the ILAC

The Comité International des Poids et Mesures (CIPM) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), recognizing the need to strengthen the links between accreditation and metrology and to cooperate and to coordinate their actions in respect of their tasks related to national and international measurement infrastructure, have reached the following understanding.

The two organisations:

- (a) agree that at the first opportunity appropriate cross references will be made in their Mutual Recognition Arrangements and will promote cooperation at the regional level;
- (b) agree to ensure the timely exchange of information on matters of common interest;
- (c) will strive to harmonize future policy on matters of common interest;
- (d) will cooperate to provide, from their respective communities, cross representation on international assessments;
- (e) will ensure mutual representation on working groups, engaged in the wording of selected documents;
- (f) agree to meet at least on an annual basis;
- (g) agree to invite representatives as observers to each other's general assemblies, namely the CGPM and the ILAC general Assembly;
- (h) will encourage their member bodies and regional co-operations to explore cost effective arrangements for the respective bodies' use of each other's services to extend the national and international measurement systems into the broader community of users.

Signed 3 November 2001 by: Robert Kaarls on behalf of the CIPM and Mike Peet on behalf of the ILAC