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Introduction to Draft Resolution F (RoP of the CGPM)

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CGPM mandate

- The 27th CGPM (2022) gave the CIPM the mandate to modernize the governance of 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) to prepare the relevant draft documents and decisions (By-Laws, Rules of Procedure of the CGPM and explanatory documents).
- After the 2024 Member State consultation, the By-Laws project has been suspended. The work continued with the development of the Rules of Procedure of the CGPM.

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Introduction and motivation

General processes

- The Metre Convention is lacking in detail regarding the general processes that are necessary to regulate matters routinely.
- The generalization of processes enhance the efficiency of the meetings and avoids ad-hoc decisions by the CGPM.

Governance vulnerability

- The CIPM Election is not fully aligned with the Metre Convention.
- The Committee for the election of the CIPM (CEC) is not fully independent from the CIPM.

Internal regulatory framework

- The internal regulatory framework must be clarified and reinforced.
- Special procedure are needed to manage new technology today.

Practical guidance

- Practical guidance on the process of organizing and holding the General Conference is needed:

  Meetings, agenda, credentials, language, proceedings, voting and CIPM election.

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The process (RoP of the CGPM)



- First draft prepared by an expert in international public law.
- Structured approach and consultations with the CIPM SC-G, the CIPM and the BIPM legal advisor.
- Every step is documented; after every consultation a detailed consultation report with replies from the secretariat was prepared.
- First consultation of all Member States and directors of National Metrology Institutes (June 2025).
- An online meeting was held on 22 October 2025 with all the Member States to reach consensus on a few issues that still needed clarification.
- Final draft submitted at the same time as the convocation (January 2026).
- Further consultation and information in March, June and September 2026.

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Final result (RoP of the CGPM)

Hybrid participation and voting

- Allow hybrid participation and voting via a secure electronic system, starting with the 29th CGPM (2030).
- No need for Special Procedure anymore.

Internal regulatory framework

- The Rules of Procedure of the CGPM are not legally binding.
- No use of treaty-level language.
- For ease of reading and general comprehension, the introduction includes a glossary of terms and abbreviations.

CIPM election

- The CIPM election process is fully realigned with the Metre Convention.
- A fully independent body scrutinizes and prepares for the CIPM election.
- The Election Commission administers the renewal of the CIPM independently from the CIPM.

Practical guidance

- The process of organizing and holding the General Conference is clarified:
  Meetings, agenda, credentials, language, proceedings, voting and CIPM election.

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Rules of Procedure of the CGPM

The RoP of the CGPM have been drafted in **full accordance with** the provisions of **the Metre Convention**. The Metre Convention is not changed or modified in any way.

The RoP of the CGPM will **equip the Organization** with the tools **to operate efficiently** and **solve governance vulnerability.**

The RoP of the CGPM will **provide practical guidance.**

The **Draft Resolution F** regulates the **adoption process**.

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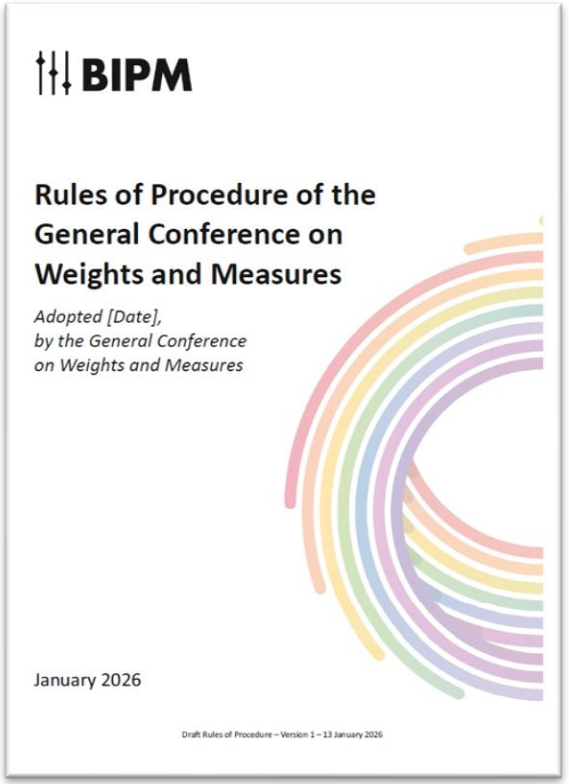

Draft Resolution F
On the adoption of Rules of Procedure of the CGPM

The CGPM, at its 28th meeting,
considering the provisions of the Metre Convention and Annexed Regulations
…
recognizing the report from the CIPM Sub-committee on Governance …

decides that the Rules of Procedure of the CGPM are hereby adopted with immediate effect, therefore,

- Resolution 2 adopted by the CGPM at its 25th meeting (2014) under which the Committee for CIPM Election was set up, is hereby revoked, and
- beginning with the 28th meeting of the CGPM (2026), the CGPM will proceed with electing nine Member States' representatives to the Election Commission.

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Set of documents (RoP of the CGPM)



- Note to introduce the Rules of Procedure of the CGPM (January 2026).
- **Rules of Procedure** of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (January 2026, updated in July 2026)
- **Commentary** to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (January 2026)
- Report from the CIPM Sub-Committee on Governance (February 2026)
- **Draft Resolution F**, On the adoption of Rules of Procedure of the General Conference on Weights and Measures

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Order of decisions



The RoP of the CGPM shall come into operation as soon as they have been adopted.

Proposed timeline:
Prior to voting on Draft Resolution F, the CGPM will:

- take all of its other decisions
- elect the CIPM in accordance with currently applicable procedures, i.e. Resolution 2 of the 25th CGPM (2014)

Then proceed to voting on Draft Resolution F.

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Order of decisions



If Draft Resolution F is adopted:

- Resolution 2 of the 25th CGPM (2014) will be revoked
- the RoP of the CGPM will be adopted and will enter into operation
- the CGPM may proceed with electing the nine Member State representatives to the Election Commission, in accordance with Rule 5 of the RoP of the CGPM.
  Note: The Election commission will supersede and absorb the functions of the existing CEC.

The CIPM will only be renewed in accordance with the RoP of the CGPM at the 29th meeting of the CGPM (2030).

The “Compendium” will be updated and simplified accordingly.

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Recommendations

- The CIPM wishes to emphasize the importance of pursuing the modernization of the governance of the organization, as such action serves to enhance transparency, accessibility and efficiency.

- In reply to the CGPM mandate, the CIPM also prepared a set of recommended terminology (Report from the CIPM Sub-committee on Governance).

- The CIPM encourages Member States to strongly support and adopt the Rules of Procedure of the CGPM (Draft Resolution F).

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