Letter from the CIPM President to all Member States

I am writing to provide an update on the arrangements in place for the 27th meeting of the CGPM to be held in Versailles between 15th and 18th November.

The special procedure

A proposal for a special procedure to allow the 27th meeting to involve participation online as well as participation face to face in the conference venue was circulated through official channels along with the convocation for the meeting in February this year. Most of the replies we received supported the draft special procedure, but several States indicated that they would not support any form of voting online. For this reason, we have revised the text of the special procedure to exclude the possibility of votes being cast by representatives who are not present in the meeting room. (The revised text is available from the BIPM website - see below).

The proposed dotation for 2024-27

The CIPM meeting in June reviewed the long-term financial plans for the Headquarters and reviewed the results of a series of “stress tests” applied to the finances under hypotheses of inflation increasing at different rates. As a result of this they decided to request an increase in the dotation for the period 2024-2027 of 1.5 % each year.

Based on the 1.5 % increase in the dotation proposed by the CIPM, the numbers to be entered into the text of draft resolution V should be:

- 13 161 218 euros in 2024
- 13 358 636 euros in 2025
- 13 559 016 euros in 2026
- 13 762 401 euros in 2027

The details of the financial plans and the underlying assumptions will be presented in the conference Working Document in September.

The conference webpage

The CIPM meeting in June also agreed several other important documents for the conference including:

- a revised programme for the conference sessions
- a revised text of the special procedure
- the proposed work programme for 2024-27

These are now available from the BIPM website: https://www.bipm.org/en/cgpm-2022.
Future meetings for Member States

In order to provide the best opportunities for discussion between state representatives ahead of the meeting itself, we will be organizing two meetings:

− An online meeting on 6th Sept at 10:00 (UTC)
− A hybrid meeting on 14th Nov at 10:30 (Paris time) at the BIPM Headquarters in Sèvres and on-line.

These meetings will allow discussion of the draft resolutions, the proposed dotation and other topics tabled by state representatives.

If you wish to register for the meeting on 6th September, please use the following link:

Registration Preparatory Meeting of 6 September

The meeting of the CGPM Dotation Committee

I will convene a closed meeting of a CGPM Dotation Committee for member state delegations on 16th November at 14:00 (Paris time) in Versailles to discuss the proposed dotation.

Nomination of delegations and online access

On-line access to the sessions of the conference will be open to registered delegates and observers. This will be through a dedicated web interface that we will launch at the end of September.

I look forward to working with you all as we enter the final preparations for the 27th meeting of the CGPM.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Wynand Louw
CIPM President