

Sèvres, 11 February 2022

Embassies in Paris of the States Parties to the Metre Convention
The President of the *Académie des sciences*
Members of the CIPM

Convocation of the 27th meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM)

Pursuant to Article 7 of the Regulations annexed to the Metre Convention, we are writing to inform you that the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM) has decided to convene the 27th meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) from Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 November 2022 at the Palais des Congrès de Versailles, 10 rue de la Chancellerie, 78000 Versailles, Yvelines, France.

Pursuant to Article 4 of the Convention, the CGPM will be chaired by Prof. Patrick Flandrin the current President of the *Académie des sciences*.

Following the best practice adopted by other international organizations, the meeting will be held in a “hybrid” format allowing both in-person and remote participation. To this end, the CIPM is proposing that the CGPM adopts a Special Procedure at its 27th meeting to regulate its conduct in this respect. The Special Procedure is attached to this letter. It will be considered during the opening session of the meeting. We would be grateful if States Parties could indicate their support for the adoption of the proposed Special Procedure to the CIPM Secretary, by 30 June 2022 (in an email addressed to cgpm@bipm.org).

A list of the draft resolutions proposed by the CIPM for discussion at the meeting together with a draft agenda are attached to this letter.

States Parties are invited to present their proposals through official diplomatic channels noting the time limit of four (4) months for the distribution of such materials to other States Parties agreed in Resolution 10 adopted by the CGPM at its 9th meeting (1948).

States Parties are asked to present the composition and credentials for their delegations to the Director of the BIPM (in an email addressed to cgpm@bipm.org) no later than two weeks before the opening of the 27th meeting.

The detailed programme for the meeting and other relevant documentation will be available from the BIPM website, which will be updated regularly during the preparation of the meeting:
<https://www.bipm.org/en/cgpm-2022>.

In view of the prevailing global sanitary measures, we will be organizing two on-line briefing sessions to keep participants informed about the plans for the meeting. The CIPM President will also use these sessions as an opportunity to propose plans to convene an informal dotation committee for the CGPM. Information about these will be sent by email.

For the International Committee for Weights and Measures

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- Annex 1** List of draft Resolutions for the 27th meeting of the CGPM
- Annex 2** Provisional agenda for the 27th meeting of the CGPM
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Directors of National Metrology Institutes of States Parties to the Metre Convention

Annex 1

List of draft Resolutions for the 27th meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures

- A. On the report prepared by the International Committee for Weights and Measures on the “Evolving Needs in Metrology”
- B. On the global digital transformation and the International System of Units
- C. On the extension of the range of SI prefixes
- D. On the use and future development of UTC
- E. On the future redefinition of the second
- F. On universal adherence to the Metre Convention
- V. On the dotation of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures

The draft Resolutions are available from the website address
<https://www.bipm.org/en/cgpm-2022/documents>

Annex 2

Provisional agenda for the 27th meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures

Presentation of credentials by Delegates

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Address by His Excellency the *Ministre de l'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères de la République française*
3. Reply by the President of the CIPM
4. Address by the President of the *Académie des sciences de Paris*, President of the General Conference
5. Nomination of the Secretary of the General Conference
6. Establishment of the list of Delegates entitled to vote
7. Approval of the agenda
8. Special Procedure to allow online participation at the 27th meeting
9. Report of the President of the CIPM on the work accomplished since the 26th meeting of the CGPM
10. Report of the Director of the BIPM on the work accomplished since the 26th meeting of the CGPM

The order and timings proposed for the following agenda items is indicated on the detailed timetable

11. Presentations by representatives of intergovernmental organizations and international bodies
12. Report on relations with intergovernmental organizations and international bodies
13. Reports by Presidents of the Consultative Committees
14. On the report prepared by the International Committee for Weights and Measures on the "Evolving Needs in Metrology" (Draft Resolution A)
15. On the global digital transformation and the International System of Units (Draft Resolution B)
16. On the extension of the range of SI prefixes (Draft Resolution C)
17. On the use and future development of UTC (Draft Resolution D)

18. On the future redefinition of the second (Draft Resolution E)
19. On universal adherence to the Metre Convention (Draft Resolution F)
20. Report from the Chair of the CIPM Sub-Committee on Finance
21. The proposed Work Programme of the BIPM for 2024-2027
22. Nomination of members for a Working Group on the Dotation of the BIPM
23. On the dotation of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (Draft Resolution V)
24. Proposals by Delegates
25. Votes on all Resolutions
26. Election of the CIPM
27. Other business
28. Plans to celebrate on 20 May 2025 the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Metre Convention
29. Closure of the meeting