Bureau International des Poids et Mesures

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

AND

THE INTERNATIONAL MEASUREMENT CONFEDERATION

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, (hereafter referred to as the “MoU”), is made and entered into between

the **International Bureau of Weights and Measures,** the international organization through which States Parties to the Metre Convention act together on matters related to measurement science and measurement standards, the headquarters of which is located in Sèvres, France (hereinafter referred to as the "BIPM"),

AND

the **International Measurement Confederation**, a non-governmental federation with the fundamental objectives of promoting international interchange of scientific and technical information in the field of measurement and instrumentation, and enhancing international cooperation among scientists and engineers from research and industry (hereinafter referred to as "IMEKO"),

hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" collectively or "Party" individually.

PREAMBLE

RECOGNIZING that the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM), established by the Metre Convention in 1875, has the mission to work with the National Metrology Institutes (NMIs) of its Member States, the Regional Metrology Organizations (RMOs) and strategic partners world-wide, and to use its international and impartial status to promote and advance the global comparability of measurements for: scientific discovery and innovation, industrial manufacturing and international trade, improving the quality of life and sustaining the global environment;

CONSIDERING that the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM), the BIPM's non-plenary governing body, has set up a number of Consultative Committees which bring together the world's experts in their specified fields as advisors on scientific and technical matters to prepare recommendations, identify, plan, execute key comparisons of national standards, and advise on the scientific work of the BIPM:

- One of the main responsibilities of the Consultative Committees is to advise the CIPM on all scientific matters that influence metrology and to establish global compatibility of measurements through promoting traceability to the International System of Units (SI);

RECOGNIZING that IMEKO, established in 1958, is a non-governmental federation of currently 42 Member Organizations, individually concerned with the advancement of measurement technology;

CONSIDERING that:

- The mission of IMEKO is to promote the international exchange of scientific and technical information relating to developments in measuring techniques, instrument design and manufacture, and the application of instrumentation in scientific research and industry;
- IMEKO, via its 26 Technical Committees, is active in most of the BIPM's Consultative Committees' domains;
- IMEKO organises technical events and World Congresses;
- IMEKO publishes various scientific journals;

DESIRING to establish a non-binding framework with a view to enhancing cooperation between the Parties, with respect to the activities detailed below;

The Parties have agreed as follows:

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a non-binding, non-exclusive framework for cooperation between the Parties with respect to matters of common interest, in light of their respective mandates and within the scope of Article II below.

Article II: Scope of mutual cooperation

Subject to their respective rules, regulations and procedures, the Parties hereby express their mutual intent to collaborate with each other, namely in the following areas (collectively, the "Activities"):

- To consult each other to avoid duplication or inconsistencies between their actions related to fundamental and applied metrology, such as measurement traceability, terminology, equivalence of measurements, and uncertainty of measurements;
- To cooperate in the development, implementation and promotion of the SI Digital Framework as part of a wider digital transformation of the international scientific and quality infrastructure, including, but not limited to, actions within the scope of the *Joint Statement of Intent on the digital transformation in the international scientific and quality infrastructure* of March 2022;
- To inform each other of their activities and share the latest international scientific and technical news;
- To encourage their members to participate in each other's appropriate projects and events;
- To jointly organise or co-sponsor activities such as conferences, symposia, workshops, etc., where it is in both organisations' interest;
- To promote each other's activities through appropriate channels including emails, social media, and newsletters.

Reciprocal representation:

Each Party may invite the other Party to attend sessions of governing bodies, conferences and meetings it organizes on matters of common interests, in accordance with their respective rules and regulations.

Article III: Exchange of information and confidentiality

Without prejudice to their respective confidentiality obligations, the Parties will keep each other informed concerning projected activities and programmes of work that they consider being of interest to the other Party. They will arrange for the exchange of information and documents of mutual interest.

The Parties shall ensure that the persons they have designated to participate on their behalf in any of the programmes or Activities pursuant to this MoU, will not, unless specifically authorized, at any time, directly or indirectly use, disclose, furnish, or make accessible to any third party confidential information of either Party that they have become aware of during the course of their participation in any of programmes or the Activities pursuant to this MoU.

Nothing in this MoU will be construed as requiring either Party to furnish confidential information that would, in the judgement of the Party processing the information, constitute a violation of the confidence of any of its members or anyone from whom it has received such information or otherwise interfere with the orderly conducts of its operations.

Article IV: Intellectual property rights

Nothing in this MoU will be construed as granting or implying rights to, or interest in, the intellectual property rights owned by the Parties.

Any intellectual property rights arising from any work created under the agreed Activities under this MoU will jointly belong to the Parties, unless the Parties otherwise agree in writing.

Article V: Name, acronym, official logo

Neither Party shall use the name, acronym or official logo of another Party, in any form or manner whatsoever, without prior written authorization of the concerned Party.

In no event can authorization to use the name, acronym or official logo be granted for commercial purposes.

Article VI: Focal Point

The Director of the BIPM and the President of IMEKO shall designate representatives to facilitate the implementation of the present MoU and other related arrangements that may be established by the Parties. The contact details of representatives should be communicated in writing to the Parties.

Article VII: Non-binding nature of this MoU

This MoU is not intended as, and will not be deemed or construed as, a binding agreement between the Parties.

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of or relating to the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be amicably settled between the Parties.

Article VIII: Financing of Activities and Implementation

Nothing contained in this MoU will give rise to any form of fiduciary or legal obligations or responsibilities by either Party. Correspondingly, this MoU does not constitute, and will not be deemed or construed as any obligation or commitment of any type, whether express or implied, by either Party in respect of the provision of funds or financing; and any activities that may be conducted hereunder will be subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient staff, funds, and other resources. In all common Activities stemming from this MoU, it is understood that the costs will be borne where they arise and that there will be no exchange of funds between the Parties.

Should it be necessary, the relevant terms and conditions concerning the Activities (including, without limitation, those relating to financial, legal, and operational matters, as well as to the respective rights, roles, and responsibilities of the Parties, if any) may be set forth in a separate and legally binding written agreement.

For the duration of this MoU, the Parties may publicly announce their collaboration on the Activities listed in Article II above.

Article IX: Privileges and immunities

Nothing in or relating to this MoU will constitute or be deemed or construed as a waiver, express or implied, of the privileges, immunities, exemptions or facilities enjoyed by the Parties or their staff under international law or by virtue of the international conventions or agreements, or applicable domestic legislation.

Article X: Status of Personnel

The employees, staff members, officials**,** agents, contractors or representatives of the Party carrying out the Activities pursuant to this MoU will not be considered in any respect to be employees, staff members, officials, agents, contractors or representatives of any other Party.

Article XI: Modification and termination

This MoU may only be modified or supplemented pursuant to a written amendment mutually agreed to and signed by the Parties. Any such amendment will be annexed to this MoU and will form an integral part hereof.

This MoU may be terminated by either Party, on 31 December of any year, by written notice given to the other not later than 30 June of that year.

Notwithstanding the above, the provisions of this MoU will survive any termination to the extent necessary to permit the orderly conclusion of Activities and programmes then in progress within the framework of this MoU. To this end, the Parties will take the necessary steps to ensure that termination does not prejudice ongoing Activities and is not detrimental to the interests, financial or otherwise, of each other.

This MoU shall supersede and replace all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, between the Parties.

Article: XII
Entry into force

This MoU will become effective on the date of its signature by all Parties, or by their duly authorized representatives, and its provisions will remain applicable until this MoU is terminated in accordance with its terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present MoU in two copies in English, both texts being equally authentic.

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For the BIPM	**For IMEKO**
Dr. Anette Koo	Prof. Paolo Carbone
Director of the BIPM	President of IMEKO
Date 3 September 2026	**Date** 22 September 2026
Place Sèvres, France	**Place** Perugia, Italy