

Appendix to the Convocation for the 28th meeting of the CGPM

Special Procedure regulating the conduct of the 28th meeting of the CGPM (hereinafter the "Special Procedure")

I. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Special Procedure is to allow the 28th meeting of the CGPM to be held in October 2026 in a hybrid format, allowing both in-person and remote participation of representatives of States Parties, representatives from Associate States and Economies of the CGPM and invited observers.
2. This Special Procedure is exceptional and does not amount to a modification of the provisions of the Metre Convention and Annexed Regulations.

II. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3. The participants of the CGPM are invited to attend the proceedings in person at the Palais des Congrès (Versailles). However, a secure and user-friendly online platform will be provided for participants who are unable to attend in person.
4. The President of the 28th meeting of the CGPM will introduce the modalities for participating in the meeting at the beginning of each session and will take any necessary measures to facilitate participation online from different time zones.
5. To ensure full participation, whether in person or remotely, the President will invite participants to request the floor. In order to ensure that delegates are called upon to speak, States Parties wishing to present their view on a specific agenda item are invited to notify the President or Secretary of the CGPM in advance of the session at which that item is to be discussed.
6. During the meeting, contributions and statements from participants may be delivered in person or online and shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. Pre-recorded video statements, also limited to five (5) minutes, may be submitted in advance of the opening of the meeting and broadcast in lieu of a live intervention. These video statements and all other contributions made online shall form part of the official records of the meeting.
7. The BIPM staff shall provide the necessary administrative, technical and logistical assistance for the preparation and conduct of the meeting in a hybrid format.

III. ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

8. In accordance with the established practice at CGPM meetings, the process involves seeking to take into account the views of all States Parties and to reconcile any conflicting views. At the conclusion of each discussion, decisions are reached through consensus or voting by roll-call.
9. Consensus is characterized by the absence of sustained opposition. In this case, the President asks the Heads of delegations to indicate by raising a hand whether they are for, against or abstain.
10. This is the favoured procedure and the President will make every effort to build consensus.
11. If it is not possible to reach a consensus, decisions will be adopted by roll-call voting, which consists in each State Party indicating their vote when called by the President to cast it.

IV. ELECTIONS

12. Pursuant to Article 7 of the Annexed Regulations, the CGPM conducts elections using a secret ballot. An on-site secret ballot will be organized, with the support of a third-party voting service, for the election of the members of the CIPM and of the Committee for the Election of the CIPM. Elections will be in-person only. In order to cast a ballot, States Parties must be represented in person.

V. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECIAL PROCEDURE

13. The decision to proceed according to the Special Procedure lies solely with States Parties. States Parties should therefore endorse and formally approve the Special Procedure described above at the opening session of the 28th meeting of the CGPM.