STATEMENT BY THE CIPM PRESIDENT

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Building on the support that Member States gave to the CIPM Strategy 2030+ in 2022, a solid foundation has been laid for the BIPM to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

The creation of Forum and Sectorial Task Group structures has enabled the organization to respond to new measurement challenges, and to play a leading role in addressing global issues that depend on accurate and trusted measurements. The strong participation of young metrologists in shaping the organization for the future is especially encouraging and showcases the important role that young scientists have in fostering strategic liaisons with other international organizations.

The Consultative Committees used the CIPM Strategy 2030+ as a basis to update their own strategic priorities. They have also embraced the new horizontal structures through active participation in the CIPM Sectoral Task Group on Climate and Environment and the Forum on Metrology and Digitalization. The positive effect of a clear vision for the future is thus already having an impact on the activities of the organization, and in support of enhancing the global measurement system.

The achievements and progress reported for the period 2022-2026 demonstrate that the BIPM and the greater measurement system have the resolve to endure and continue the global unification of the international measurement system, the SI.

A highlight of the outcomes of the 28th CGPM is the adoption of Resolution 2 on Universal Adherence to the Metre Convention which establishes a new Observer category within the BIPM. This will allow countries with emerging metrology capabilities to join the organization and benefit from the capacity building and knowledge transfer programme, Over time these countries may develop metrology systems that would benefit from becoming signatories to the Metre Convention.

It also provides for a further fomalization of the strategic partnerships with other international organizations.

It is anticipated that up to 85 States, most of them already participating in the regional metrology organisation structures, may join the organization through the Observer category. 150 years since the Metre Convention was originally signed, this represents an important step toward truly global participation.

The major technical highlight of the conference was the adoption of Resolution 5 on continuous UTC. This decision strengthens the BIPM's important role facilitating the coherence and reliability of the global measurement system.

I would like to finish by taking this opportunity to thank the Member States, Associates, partner international organizations and the entire metrology community for their invaluable and ongoing support, both financial and otherwise. This support allows the BIPM to carry out its mission for the benefit of everyone. It stands as a shining example of what can be achieved through collaboration on global issues.