

WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Introduction

The working arrangements with the International Committee for Weights and Measures were approved on behalf of the World Meteorological Organization by the Executive Council at its fifty-fourth session in June 2002, and by the International Committee for Weights and Measures at its meeting on 10 October 2001. The text of the Agreement as adopted by the Committee is annexed.

These working arrangements were notified and confirmed by an exchange of letters between the Director of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures on behalf of the International Committee for Weights and Measures and the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization. This exchange of letters is reproduced hereunder.

Exchange of letters

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WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

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GENEVA, 28 June 2002

Dear Dr Quinn,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Executive Council of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), at its fifty-fourth session (Geneva, 11-21 June 2002), gave its approval to the establishment, by means of an exchange of letters, of working arrangements between the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM) and this Organization, based on the following procedures:

1. The Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Director of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM), acting on behalf of the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM), with the aim of effectively attaining the objectives set forth in their respective constituent instruments, will act in close cooperation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest.
2. WMO and CIPM agree to consult together to ensure that data, related in particular to atmospheric composition and water resources, coming from the programmes of WMO are properly based on units traceable to the International System (SI) through the procedures of the Mutual Recognition Arrangement for National Measurement Standards drawn up by the Committee and those of the Technical Regulations of WMO.
3. Both Organizations agree to keep each other informed on current and planned activities in which there may be mutual interest. They also agree to collaborate in the implementation of the programmes of WMO in areas of common interest.
4. WMO and CIPM agree to exchange publications concerning these and related fields.
5. Suitable arrangement will be made for the participation of each Party to the Working Arrangement as an observer in those sessions and meetings of the other Party at which matters of common interest are discussed.

Since I understand that these procedures are acceptable to both Organizations, CIPM and WMO, may I suggest that this letter and your reply be considered as the basis for continuing relationship between our two Organizations.

Yours sincerely,

(G.O.P. Obasi)
Secretary-General

Agreement between the World Meteorological Organization and the International Committee for Weights and Measures

Text approved by the CIPM on 10 October 2001

Article I

1. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), referred hereinafter as "the Organization", and the International Committee for Weights and Measures, referred hereinafter as "the Committee", agree that with a view to facilitating the implementation of their objectives, set respectively in the Convention of WMO, and in the Metre Convention, they will act in close cooperation with each other and consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest.
2. The Committee recognizes the responsibilities of the Organization in the field of meteorology, hydrology and other related geophysical sciences as set forth in the Convention of the Organization and recognized in the Agreement between the United Nations and the Organization and in particular that the Organization has a mandate to ensure that data obtained in the course of its work is standardized, accurate and reliable.
3. The Organization recognizes the responsibilities of the Committee as set forth in the Metre Convention and in particular the recommendation of the Member States set out in Resolution 4 of the 21st General Conference of Weights and Measures (1999) related to the need to use SI¹ units in studies of Earth resources, the environment, human well being and related issues.
4. Accordingly, the Organization and the Committee will consult together to ensure that data, related in particular to measurements of state and composition of atmosphere and water resources, coming from the programmes organized under the auspices of the Organization are properly based on units traceable to the SI through the procedures of the Mutual Recognition Arrangement for National Measurement Standards drawn up by the Committee and those of the Technical Regulations of the Organization.

Article II

Reciprocal representation

1. Representatives of the Committee shall be invited to attend sessions of bodies of the Organization and to participate without vote in the deliberations of these bodies and, where appropriate of its committees or commissions with respect to items on the agenda in which the Committee has an interest.
2. Representatives of the Organization shall be invited to attend the General Conference of Weights and Measures and to participate without vote in the deliberations of that body with respect to items on the agenda in which the Organization has an interest.
3. Appropriate arrangements shall be made by agreement from time to time for reciprocal representation of the Organization and the Committee at other meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other organization has an interest.

Article III

Exchange of information and documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, the Secretariat of the Organization and the International Bureau of Weights and Measures, hereinafter referred to as the International Bureau, acting on behalf of the Committee, shall keep each other fully informed concerning all projected activities and all programmes of work that may be of interest to the other party.
2. The Organization and the Committee recognize that they may find it necessary to apply certain limitations for the safeguarding of confidential information furnished to them. They therefore agree that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring either of them to furnish such information as would, in the judgement of the party possessing 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 conduct of its operations.
3. The Secretary General of the Organization and the Director of the International Bureau acting on behalf of the President of the Committee shall, at the request of either party, arrange for consultations regarding the provision by either party of such special information as may be of interest to the other party.

Article IV

¹ Système International d'Unités (International System of Units)

Cooperation between the Secretariat of the Organization and the International Bureau of Weights and Measures

The Secretariat of the Organization and the International Bureau shall maintain a close working relationship in accordance with such arrangements as may have been agreed from time to time by the Secretary General of the Organization and the Director of the International Bureau.

Article V

Financing of common actions

In all common actions stemming from this agreement it is understood that the costs shall be borne where they arise and that there shall be no exchange of funds between the organizations.

Article VI

Implementation of the Agreement

The Secretary General of the Organization and the Director of the International Bureau may enter into such arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the operating experience of the two organizations.

Article VII

Revision and termination

1. This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between the Organization and the Committee.
2. It may be terminated by either party on 31 December of any year by notice given not later than 30 June of that year.

Article VIII

Entry into force

This Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by both parties.

**Director of the
International Bureau of Weights
and Measures
for the Committee**

**Secretary-General
of the World Meteorological
Organization
for the Organization**

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