Installation of clocks at the BIPM

RECOMMENDATION 4 (CI-1989)

The Comité International des Poids et Mesures,

considering

— that it is important to maintain at the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM) a high level of competence in the coordination of the time comparisons which provide the basis of TAI,

— that practical experience at the BIPM in such time comparisons is already desirable and in the future will become essential,

— that the present experience has been gained thanks to the facilities generously provided by the Paris Observatory,

decides that the BIPM should study the steps which would have to be taken for one or more clocks together with the necessary time-comparison equipment to be available on site, and

invites member laboratories of Comité Consultatif pour la Définition de la Seconde (CCDS), in view of the high cost of such installations, to examine the possibility of providing equipment on loan to the BIPM.