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and
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
OF LEGAL METROLOGY**

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MEMORANDUM ON CO-OPERATION¹ BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LEGAL METROLOGY AND THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereinafter called “UNIDO”), represented by Mr. Abd-El Rahman Khane, Executive Director, and the International Organization of Legal Metrology (hereinafter called “OIML”), represented by Mr. A. J. van Male, Chairman of the International Committee of Legal Metrology,

Considering that UNIDO’s functions include that of furthering the acceleration of the industrialization of the developing countries, in the terms of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action,²

Considering that OIML is an intergovernmental organization whose object is to solve the technical and administrative problems of legal metrology raised by the use of measuring instruments,

Considering the benefit which developing countries, and in particular those which are members of both Organizations, can derive in regard to their industrialization from co-operation between the two Organizations providing for an accurate system of measurement and for the use of the measuring instruments and measurement methods and facilities required for the manufacture and marketing of industrial products,

Wishing to co-ordinate their work and intensify their co-operation with a view to increasing the impact of their respective activities for the benefit of the developing countries members of both Organizations,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. UNIDO and OIML agree to co-operate with a view to:

(a) Assisting developing countries in order to enable them systematically to increase the accuracy of the measurement done in the field of industry;

(b) Endeavouring to eliminate the obstacles to the use of accurate measurements arising from the level of accuracy and quality of measuring instruments and their cost, and to improve the qualifications of staff responsible for measurement questions;

(c) Improving quality control for industrial products by means of the most appropriate measuring systems and instruments;

(d) Promoting and developing co-operation between the legal metrology services of developing countries and between those services and the legal metrology services of the industrialized countries.

¹ Came into force on 17 June 1980 by signature, in accordance with article 9.

² *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries*, A/CONF.79/13, September 1978.

Article 2. Co-operation between UNIDO and OIML shall be directed in particular towards activities involving studies for, research into and the preparation, execution and evaluation of projects aimed at:

- The creation and operation of a national system of metrology in developing countries;
- Metrological reliability;
- The establishment and operation of laboratories of legal and industrial metrology;
- The establishment of calibration chains;
- The manufacture, maintenance, repair and calibration of measuring instruments;
- The training of legal metrology personnel for developing countries.

Article 3. UNIDO and OIML will jointly organize training programmes for employees of legal metrology services; the two organizations will jointly negotiate projects for seminars and training courses with members of OIML that have expressed interest in organizing programmes of this kind in their countries for the benefit of developing countries. UNIDO and OIML will jointly seek sources of finance for such programmes.

Article 4. OIML will assist UNIDO in preparing and obtaining lists of equipment having the specifications given in the International Recommendations and other appropriate documents of OIML.

At the request of UNIDO, OIML affirms its readiness to provide information in its possession when developing countries are purchasing equipment.

Article 5. OIML will assist UNIDO in procuring experts by making available to UNIDO a list of legal metrology experts and consultants drawn, at its request, from the services of OIML member States.

Article 6. Representatives of UNIDO will be invited to attend meetings of the organs of OIML such as the International Conference of Legal Metrology; the International Committee of Legal Metrology, in cases in which the Committee's agenda includes an item involving industrial development activities which are within the competence of UNIDO; and in particular those Secretariats whose work is of interest to UNIDO, as well as any meetings organized by OIML which deal with industrial questions of concern to UNIDO.

In the event of OIML so requesting in accordance with the customary procedure, it will be granted consultative status and may send representatives to the sessions of the Board of UNIDO. In addition, OIML will be invited to participate in meetings and training programmes organized by UNIDO, and in particular in the "Consultation" activities of UNIDO in cases in which the discussions will bear on topics of concern to OIML.

Article 7. Subject to such steps as may be necessary to safeguard the confidential nature of certain documents and information, OIML and UNIDO will exchange documents and information on a regular basis in regard to their activities, their programmes of work and any questions of common concern to both parties.

Article 8. UNIDO and OIML are to co-ordinate their work and consult each other at a high level with a view to laying down the broad outline of an annual programme of action designed to achieve their common aims.

Working meetings of a technical nature will take place at the headquarters of each Organization alternately with regard to the various activities undertaken under the joint programme of action and in order to provide an opportunity for discussion of proposals for individual projects and their execution.

Article 9. The present Memorandum on Co-operation will enter into force when it is signed. It may be terminated by mutual consent or by either party giving the other six months' notice to terminate it.

DONE in duplicate.

For the United Nations Industrial
Development Organization:

[ABD-EL RAHMAN KHANE]

Vienna, 29 May 1980

For the International Organization
of Legal Metrology:

[A. J. VAN MALE]

Washington, 17 June 1980