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### In the wake of Lyon

Following the 40th CIML Meeting held in Lyon in June this year, the CIML President Mr. Alan E. Johnston (Canada) had a two-day meeting with the BIML Director and certain other BIML Staff in September in order to review the actions to be instigated by the Bureau.

As decided by the CIML, a number of decisions have been submitted for immediate CIML approval via the online voting facilities on the OIML web site. This will progressively become the preferred way of making decisions each time discussion in a meeting is not needed. The OIML procedures will therefore have to be adapted to reflect this evolution.

The Strategy and Action Plan will not be voted on immediately, however the comments received will be reviewed at the Presidential Council in early 2006 with a view to being voted on at the 41st CIML Meeting in Capetown in October 2006.

The issue of a rapprochement between the Metre Convention and the OIML was examined. It was decided that there is a need to summarize all the elements on this subject in a document; such a document will be examined at the February 2006 Presidential Council Meeting and then presented at the 41st CIML Meeting. Any subsequent developments will be presented to Members at future CIML Meetings.

The Revision of the *Directives for Technical Work* was examined in an internal BIML meeting in September and will

be the object of a first working document sent to the ad-hoc working group before the end of 2005; the result will in fact be a brand new *Directives* publication rather than amending the present document. The aim is to make the *Directives* easier to follow, to simplify the procedures, to enable all decisions to be made at the most appropriate level and to make the best use of available information technologies.

Progress in the implementation of the MAA was also examined. The first two Declarations of Mutual Confidence are well advanced and Committees on Participation Review for two new categories can now be launched. The MAA implementation will shortly be the object of another Information Letter.

The implementation of the new Financial Regulations is under way and the 2005 OIML accounts will be presented at the Presidential Council next year in line with these new Regulations. This will paint a more accurate picture of the financial situation of the Organization and will also better show the costs of the Organization's activities.

The Bureau is presently recruiting an engineer, which will bring the number of BIML Staff back up to its normal level of ten. This new engineer will participate in the development of certain internal software applications, in the implementation of the MAA, in the technical support offered to TC/SC Secretariats, and will also assist in editing documents in French. ■