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INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES OF THE OIML

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The OIML works for international harmonisation in the field of legal metrology. The following recent developments are of interest to the TBT Committee.

1 OIML MEMBERSHIP

1.1. The OIML is pleased to welcome three new Corresponding Members: Iraq, Uganda and Yemen.

1.2. We are also very pleased to report the re-integration of a number of countries following the payment of outstanding debts: Zambia as a Member State, and Guinea, DPR Korea and Rwanda as Corresponding Members.

2 48TH MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF LEGAL METROLOGY

2.1. This Meeting took place from 8-11 October 2013 in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. A number of issues were covered which are of interest to the TBT Committee:

- a. The CIML Member for Japan, Dr. Yukinobu Miki (NMIJ/AIST), was elected as second CIML Vice-President for a six-year term;
- b. a new revision of the OIML Directives for technical work – OIML B 6-1 was approved;
- c. an ad hoc committee was set up, chaired by PR China, to consider the OIML's role in promoting and coordinating the economic development of countries and economies with emerging metrology systems, whilst recognizing the importance of the various projects and initiatives already undertaken by the OIML itself, by individual Member States and Corresponding Members, and by other bodies;
- d. a work project was begun to develop a new publication on Guidance for defining the system requirements for a certification system for prepackages.

2.2. Further details of decisions and resolutions from this Meeting are available on the OIML website (<http://www.oiml.org>).

3 DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL METROLOGY IN CENTRAL AFRICA

3.1. The OIML continues to work in five central African countries (Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Gabon) to develop their legal metrology systems as part of a German technical assistance project which aims to develop the quality infrastructure in CEMAC countries.
