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**ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LEGAL METROLOGY (OIML)
RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE WTO TBT COMMITTEE**

STATEMENT BY THE OIML

This document contains the statement provided by the OIML at the TBT Committee meeting of 14–15 June 2017 under Agenda Item 4 (Technical Cooperation Activities) and Agenda Item 5 (Updating by Observers).

1 AGENDA ITEM 4: TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

1.1 Training

1.1. During 2016, the OIML worked closely with the ACP EU TBT Programme on the development of an e-learning platform focussing on legal metrology. This is now in place on an OIML server, and can be accessed by anyone at lms.oiml.org. Courses are currently only in English, but French versions will be in place soon, and the OIML will also continue to work to expand this platform in the future.

1.2. The OIML is conducting a series of training courses so as to improve the efficiency of the work OIML technical Project Groups and ensure their compliance with the Directives for Technical Work. So far courses have been held in Germany and in Russian Federation, and others are planned in other parts of the world with the aim of completing all training by mid-2018.

2 AGENDA ITEM 5: UPDATING BY OBSERVERS

2.1 OIML Membership

2.1. So far in 2017 the OIML has welcomed Cambodia as a new Member State and Philippines and Ecuador as new Corresponding Members, as well as Argentina as a returning Corresponding Member.

2.2 Activities for Countries and Economies with Emerging Metrology Systems

2.2. Formalised terms of reference for the OIML's activities in this area have now been developed and will be proposed to the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CML) in October this year for approval as an OIML Basic Publication.

2.3. The OIML is working with the Intra-Africa Metrology System (AFRIMETS) to organise a regional training course in November this year on participation in OIML technical work, the use of and involvement in the OIML Certification System by countries which do not have measuring instrument type approval laboratories, and a technical subject which has yet to be determined.

2.3 OIML certification systems

2.4. As reported at previous Committee meetings, a new Basic Publication *Framework for the OIML Certification System (OIML-CS)* was approved in 2016. A provisional management committee

for the new system, chaired by the CIML First Vice-President, Roman Schwartz (Germany) has been working during 2017 to ensure that the new system comes into operation from 1 January 2018. It will replace both the existing OIML Basic Certificate System and the OIML Mutual Acceptance Arrangement.
