

EUROMET

Memorandum

of

Understanding

Madrid, 23 September 1987

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SECTION 1

- 1 *The Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding declare their common intention to take part in EUROMET, a European collaboration in measurement standards.*
- 2 *EUROMET is open to national metrology institutes of all States of the European Communities, of all States of the European Free Trade Association and to the Commission of the European Communities.*
- 3 *A EUROMET COMMITTEE will be set up. It consists of one Delegate from each participating State, one Delegate from the Commission of the European Communities and, if it so wishes, one observer from the Secretariat of the European Free Trade Association. The EUROMET COMMITTEE ensures that the specific tasks are pursued in accordance with the objectives and aims of EUROMET.*

SECTION 2

- 1 *The Objective of EUROMET.*

The participating metrology institutes intend to collaborate in EUROMET, with the objective of promoting the co-ordination of metrological activities and services with the purpose of achieving higher efficiency.

2 *The Aims of EUROMET are:*

- I) *To develop a closer collaboration between Members in the work on measurement standards within the present decentralised metrological structure.*
- II) *To optimise the utilisation of resources and services of Members and emphasise the deployment of these towards perceived metrological needs.*
- III) *To improve measurement services and make them accessible to all Members.*
- IV) *To ensure that national facilities developed in the context of EUROMET collaboration are accessible to all Members.*

3 *EUROMET has the following specific tasks:*

- I) *Co-ordination of projects on measurement standards.*
- II) *Co-ordination of major investments for metrological facilities.*
- III) *Transfer of expertise in the field of primary or national standards between Members.*
- IV) *Provision of a framework for collaboration among interested Members on specific projects.*
- V) *Provision of information on resources and services.*

4 *The EUROMET COMMITTEE meets to review and discuss the aims and specific tasks of EUROMET. The COMMITTEE decides itself upon its rules of procedure. The COMMITTEE elects its chairman from its Delegates for a period of two years. The chairman normally provides the necessary secretarial assistance for the administration of the EUROMET COMMITTEE.*

5 *Members retain their national autonomy.*

6 *The EUROMET COMMITTEE will have no funds of its own.*

SECTION 3

In order to achieve the aims and objectives of EUROMET, Members will have especially the following rights:

- 1 All Members will have access to national standards of the other Members, on an equal footing basis.*
- 2 All Members will have the right to propose to the EUROMET COMMITTEE that specific measurement standards and associated measurements services be set up, and that interested Members will carry out such projects on terms to be decided among them.*
- 3 All Members may seek assistance, through consultancies, secondments, or other mechanisms, on specific measurement problems, on terms to be decided between the parties concerned.*

SECTION 4

Members commit themselves to the pursuance of the objectives, aims and tasks of EUROMET. In particular they will carry out the following responsibilities.

- 1 When an area of metrological activity is under consideration in the EUROMET COMMITTEE, all Members will normally make available to the EUROMET COMMITTEE information on current and planned work in that area with the exception of any work carried out in confidence.*
- 2 Members will do their best to provide an adequate service to all customers on an equal footing with their own national requests.*
- 3 The attainment of the aims and objectives of EUROMET requires participation by Members to the extent commensurate with resources and expertise at their disposal.*
- 4 The Member will make every effort to ensure that necessary resources are made available under their internal procedures.*

SECTION 5

- 1 *This Memorandum of Understanding will come into operation on 1 January 1988 upon signature by at least nine Signatories, but remain open for further participation within the defined membership.*
- 2 *This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended in writing at any time by arrangement between the Signatories, subject to no dissent.*
- 3 *If a Member, for any reason whatever, intends to terminate its participation, the Signatory will notify the Chairman of the EUROMET COMMITTEE of its intention as soon as possible, preferably not later than three months beforehand.*
- 4 *This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded for a preliminary term of three years. Unless within this three year period or any subsequent three year period, revision or termination is proposed to the EUROMET COMMITTEE by at least one third of the Signatories this Memorandum of Understanding will continue in effect for a further three year period.*

SECTION 6

This Memorandum of Understanding is of an exclusively recommendatory nature. It will not create any binding legal effect in public international law.

ANNEX

CLARIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIPS AND APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES

1 CLARIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The Memorandum of Understanding refers to «Signatories», «Members» and «Delegates». Signatories, Delegates and Heads of Member organisations may or may not be the same person depending upon the circumstances appropriate to each State.

I) Signatory

A Signatory is an Institution in whose name the Memorandum of Understanding is signed.

II) Member

A Member is an organisation responsible for maintaining measurement standards on behalf of the Member State, with the exception of the Member from the Commission of the European Communities.

III) Delegate

Each Member can appoint one Delegate to the EUROMET COMMITTEE. The Delegate may be supported at COMMITTEE meetings by advisors and experts but only the Delegate may vote.

2 ACTIVITIES APPROPRIATE FOR COLLABORATION

The lists below detail the areas that would be included in collaborative work under EUROMET and areas that would be specifically excluded, even though certain of the excluded areas may be within the responsibilities of some Members.

A) Activities Included in EUROMET Collaboration

- i) *Research and development on national measurement standards.*
- ii) *Research associated with the development of primary standards, eg. fundamental constants, materials, measurement techniques.*
- iii) *Development of calibration services at the highest metrological level, appropriate to each Member.*
- iv) *Highest level measurement techniques.*
- v) *Development of travelling standards.*

B) Activities excluded from EUROMET Collaboration

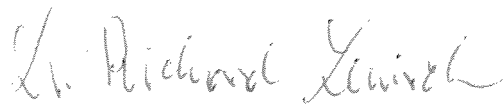
- i) *Accreditation schemes.*
- ii) *Specification standards (norms).*
- iii) *Legal metrology*

However, this would not excluded work on measurement standards or techniques in support of these activities.

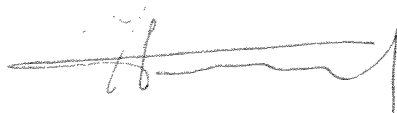
The undersigned affirm the intention to participate in EUROMET on the basis of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done at Madrid-Spain, the 23Th of September 1987.

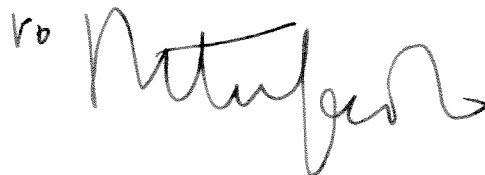
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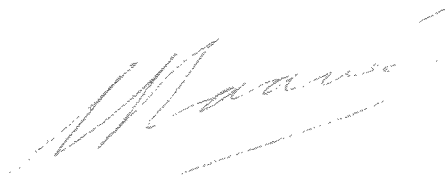
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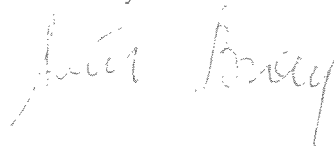
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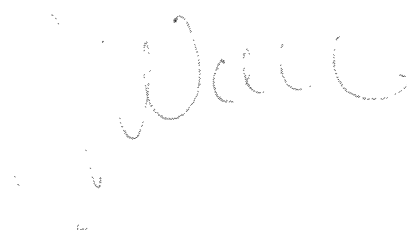
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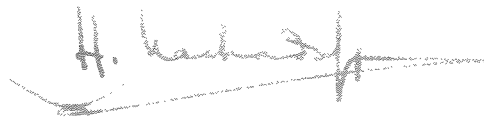
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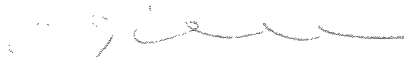
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For Sweden



For Switzerland



For the United Kingdom




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The undersigned affirms the intention to participate in EUROMET on the basis of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed on 12 March 1990 in Reykjavik, Iceland

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