

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF  
LEGAL METROLOGY (OIML) AND THE INTERAMERICAN SYSTEM OF  
METROLOGY (SIM)**

**Rio de Janeiro, RJ/Brazil, October 31st., 1997**

Official Representatives from the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) and from the Interamerican Metrology System (SIM), held a joint meeting during the 32nd Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML/97) and the Meeting of SIM-Council, which were both held in Rio de Janeiro, RJ/Brazil, in the week of 29-31 October, 1997 and based upon the following considerations:

1. OIML general policy feature to favor regional cooperation in legal metrology and to provide regional metrology bodies with results of international work at high standard level and to make sure that the necessary coordination actually exists among the various regional bodies;
2. Legal metrology is an inherent part of the Interamerican Metrology System and constitutes a priority for the small emerging economies of SIM,

have decided to sign the present *Memorandum of Cooperation* to foster and stimulate the development of legal metrology in the Americas.

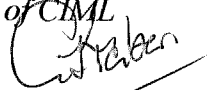
Benefiting from their international and interamerican institutional infrastructures, OIML and SIM have already identified opportunities for cooperation between both organizations. This *Memorandum of Cooperation* is intended to cover the fields of international and regional metrology and metrology-related activities, such as training, documentation, information exchange, equipment, traceability for Weight and Measures, dissemination of OIML publications, links with other legal metrology sub-regional bodies.

It was also agreed that the cooperation should not be exclusive to prevent other joint activities within the region.


Jointly, the organizations will develop a plan of operation which will outline the specific activities under this *Memorandum of Cooperation*.

Rio de Janeiro, RJ/Brazil, 31st October, 1997.


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