

**Report on the situation of certain Members****1 Delays granted to two Countries by the 11th Conference**

The situation of the DPR of Korea and Zambia was the following at the end of 2000 (just after the 11th Conference):

D.P.R. of Korea			Zambia		
Debt related to	Amount	Comment	Debt related to	Amount	Comment
1996	11 495.70 €	Delays granted by the 11 th Conference (see below)	1996	9 722.15 €	Delays granted by the 11 th Conference (see below)
1997	11 611.90 €				
1998	11 644.50 €				
1999	11 734.15 €				
Total	46 486.25 €				
Total 1	44 712.70 €		2000	12 083.81 €	Further debts
			Total	56 796.57 €	

The 11th Conference made the following Resolution:

"In application of Article XXIX of the OIML Convention, delays are granted to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and to Zambia for the payment of their contributions from 1996 to 1999; consequently these two countries will not be struck off the list of OIML Member States provided that their contributions for 2000 and subsequent years are duly paid; the International Committee of Legal Metrology is requested to periodically examine the situation of these two countries as well as that of any other Member State which might become more than three years late in the payment of its contributions and to report back about this at the Twelfth Conference."

At the end of 2003 (just after the 38th CIML Meeting), the situation was the following:

D.P.R. of Korea			Zambia		
Debt related to	Amount	Comment	Debt related to	Amount	Comment
1996		Delays granted by the 11 th Conference	1996	9 722.15 €	Delays granted by the 11 th Conference
1997	11 117.60 €				
1998	11 644.50 €				
1999	11 734.15 €				
Total	37 496.25 €				
Total 1	44 712.70 €		Total 1	44 712.70 €	

Zambia		
Debt related to	Amount	Comment
2000		Further debts
2001	7 584.00 €	
2002	12 001.00 €	
2003	12 188.00 €	
Total 2	31 773.00 €	
Total	76 485.70 €	

The CIML made the following decisions at its 38th Meeting:

"Considering that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has paid all its current contributions, the situation of its remaining arrears, for which delays had been granted by the 11th Conference, will have to be re-examined by the 12th Conference in 2004;

Considering that the arrears of Zambia have increased with regard to the delays granted by the 11th Conference, the Committee instructed the CIML President to examine the situation with representatives of Zambia and to strike Zambia off the list of OIML Member States if this situation has not substantially improved by the end of February 2004."

As Zambia could not comply with this requirement, this State was struck off the list of Member States as from 2004 according to this resolution.

The amounts owed to the OIML by the DPR of Korea and Zambia are now therefore still as below (even though Zambia has been struck off the list of Member States, its debt still stands):

DPR of Korea: 37 496.25 €

Zambia: 76 485.70 €

The 12th Conference has to make the following decisions:

- 1) What conditions would be laid down in the future for Zambia to be admitted as an OIML Corresponding Member, and also for this country to be re-admitted as a Member State?
- 2) What action will be taken with regard to the DPR of Korea concerning the payment of the remaining arrears for which delays were granted four years ago?

2 Situation of Spain

In 1992, Spain sent the BIML a bank check for the payment of its annual contribution (70 769 Gold-Francs, i.e. 19 576 €). When this check was sent by post to the BIML's bank, it was lost by the Post Office and the Organization was therefore never credited with this amount.

The Bureau advised the Spanish authorities of this incident and asked them to see whether this check had been presented, and if not, to send another check to the BIML. However the Spanish authorities could not answer these questions and Spain's 1992 contribution remained unpaid and was recorded in the Member States' debts.

The Bureau's proposal concerning this debt is the following:

- it should be considered that the Spanish Government had sent the check and had then complied with its obligations,
- the check had been either lost or stolen, but it was not possible to know what precisely happened; in addition this happened more than ten years ago and no further investigations can now be made;
- therefore the Spanish Government should not be held responsible for this remaining debt;
- in conclusion it is proposed to the OIML Conference to cancel this debt and to write it off as an exceptional loss.

3 Other Member States

As of August 31st, 2004 two other countries have arrears that are being closely monitored by the Bureau:

Cameroon			Morocco		
Debt related to	Amount	Comment	Debt related to	Amount	Comment
2002	388.00 €		2002	11 829.25 €	
2003	12 188.00 €		2003	12 188.00 €	
2004	12 376.00 €	Year 2004 is not finished	2004	12 376.00 €	Year 2004 is not finished
Total	24 952.00 €		Total	36 393.25 €	

These arrears represent less than 3 years' contributions, so no particular sanction has to be taken immediately.