

**REPORT OF THE APLMF  
WORKING GROUP ON MUTUAL RECOGNITION  
HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1999 AT NUSA DUA, BALI, INDONESIA**

The Working Group met in Nusa Dua on 7 September 1999 and was chaired by Mr John Birch (Australia) and delegates from the following economies attended:

Australia, Canada, People's Republic of China, Hong Kong China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Russia, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States of America and Vietnam.

Dr Sam Chappell (US A) reported on progress on the OIML Mutual Acceptance Agreement of the Test Reports.

A meeting of the OIML Working Group was held in Paris in February following which this Working Group was incorporated into OIML TC3 SC5 Conformity Assessment and a meeting of this Technical Committee was held in Paris in June.

There has been significant progress on the development of the Agreement and a fifth draft will be distributed for consideration by the CIML Meeting in Tunis in October. Issues considered by TC3 SC5 included:

- Application on ISO 17025 (previously ISO Guide 25) to assessment of testing capability;
- Application of ISO Guide 61 to assessment of certification capability;
- Use of accreditation and/or peer review to assessing capability;
- Agreement to be signed by authorities issuing reports and certificates as well as authorities accepting reports and certificates; and
- Participation of developing countries in the Agreement.

Mr Birch drew attention to the need to consider the compliance of production instruments to ensure the integrity of legal metrology systems are maintained.