



Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale

International Organization of Legal Metrology



# Agenda item 2.2

## Application of conditions for CIML voting



## Addendum 2.2

*Application of conditions for CIML voting*  
available on the OIML website:

<http://online-55ciml.oiml.org/ciml.html>



# The first online CIML Meeting

- Impossible to say whether other online CIML meetings will be needed in the future
- The OIML needs to be able to take decisions during online meetings to continue to act
- CIML decisions are covered by Article XVII of the OIML Convention
- Online meetings not foreseen in 1955!



## Decisions in Article XVII

- Decisions taken during a traditional physical meeting of the Committee
  - “in-meeting” conditions
- Decisions taken between meetings of the Committee
  - “by correspondence” conditions



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## Problems when applied to online meetings

- Need to pass many resolutions passed at a CIML Meeting
- “By correspondence” conditions make this difficult because
  - historically poor level of response (2/3 need to cast a vote)
  - one negative vote means resolution fails



# Why are “by correspondence” conditions inappropriate?

In an online meeting:

- All items can be fully discussed
- All points of view can be heard
- Wording of resolutions can be agreed
- Decisions can be made using secure voting system after the meeting itself



## Proposed solution

- It is therefore proposed that the “in-meeting” conditions should be applied to decisions on resolutions which have been discussed at an online CIML meeting
- This will require a resolution to be approved immediately following the online CIML Meeting using the existing rules for decisions “by correspondence”
- This vote to have a two-week deadline



# Proposed resolution

The Committee,

Noting the provisions for its decisions set out in Article XVII of OIML B 1 *Convention establishing an International Organisation of Legal Metrology*,

Considering the need to facilitate the work of the Committee when online CIML meetings are held,

Decides that the “in-meeting” conditions for Committee decisions, given in paragraphs two and three of Article XVII of OIML B 1, shall be used in the case of online voting on subjects which have been discussed at an online CIML meeting.



# Secure online voting tool

- The BIML has developed a secure online voting tool which can be used for voting on individual resolutions, or on appointments
- Use of this will require another resolution to be approved immediately following the online CIML Meeting using the existing rules for decisions “by correspondence”
- This vote to have a two-week deadline



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The Committee,

Noting the provisions for its decisions set out in Article XVII of OIML B 1 *Convention establishing an International Organisation of Legal Metrology*,

Considering the need to facilitate the work of the Committee when online CIML meetings are held,

Approves the use of the secure voting tools on the OIML website for CIML resolutions and for secret ballots on appointments.

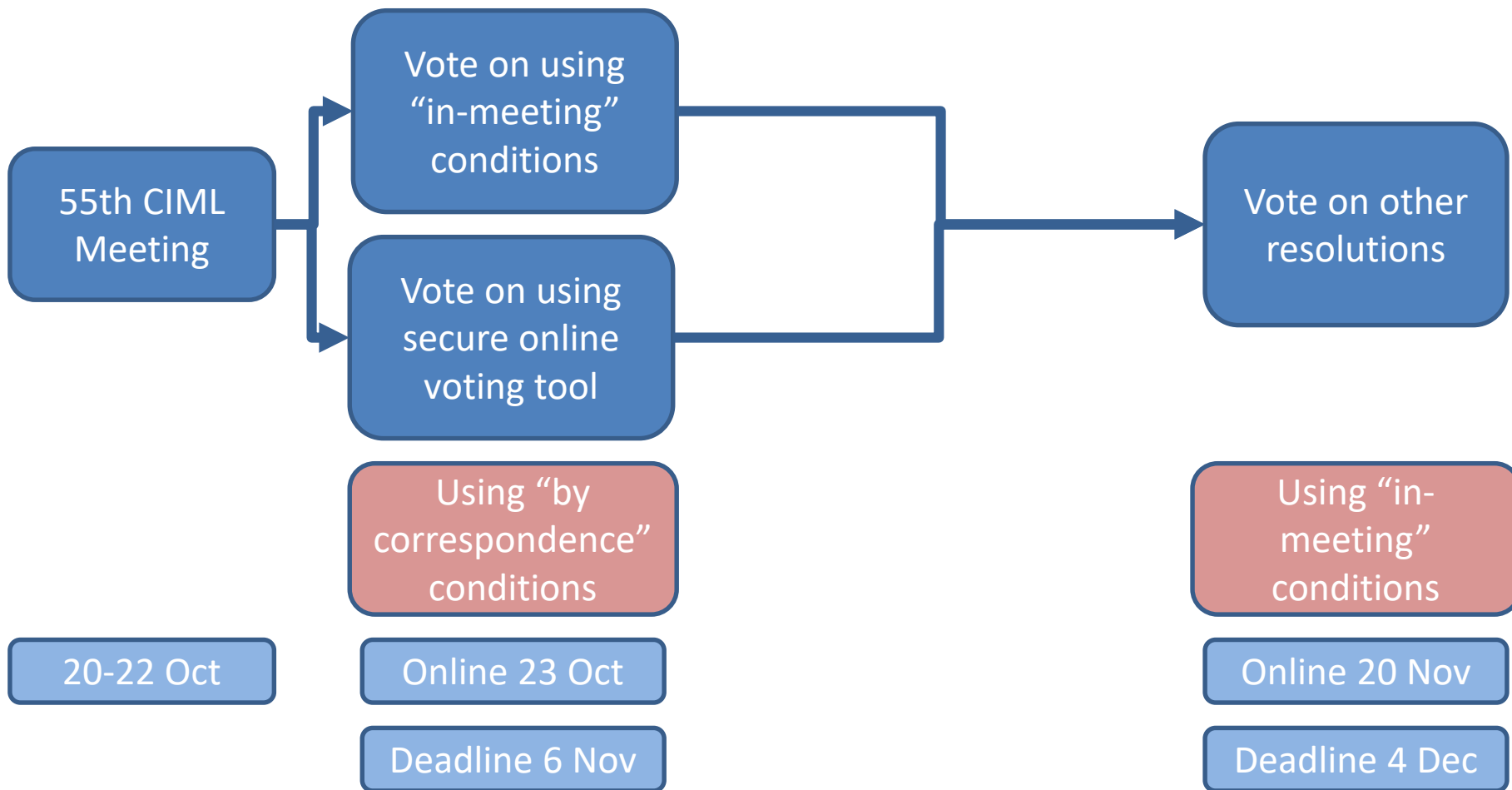


# Approving other resolutions

- If these two resolutions are approved, all other resolutions can be approved using the “in-meeting” conditions using the new tool
- Each resolution will have a separate vote
- Full text of the resolution will be displayed, with the option to vote “Yes”, “No” or “Abstain”, as in a meeting
- These votes to have a two-week deadline



# Timeline for voting after the 55th CIML Meeting







See Addendum 2.2  
*Application of conditions for CIML voting*  
for more details

Any questions?