The document has been submitted for information and discussion by delegates.

1. It is recalled that at previous sessions the Working Party discussed proposals from the Rapporteurs for Metrology on preparing guidelines on methodologies for measuring procedures (document TRADE/WP.6/1999/15 and TRADE/WP.6/2000/16) and on modalities for such work (TRADE/WP.6/2001/16).

2. As a result of its discussions, the Working Party agreed to establish an ad hoc Team of specialists on metrology under the auspices of the Working Party to pursue further the work on the proposed guidelines. A number of Governments expressed interest in joining such a group.

3. In 2001-2002, the secretariat had contacts with international and regional organizations concerning the project of guidelines. Thus, links have been established with a regional metrology organization COOMET ("Cooperation in Metrology") to explore their interest in this project. Following these contacts, the project concept was presented and discussed at the 12th session of COOMET held in May 2002 in Havana, Cuba. As a result, the COOMET decided to ask COOMET’s Joint Committee on Standards to consider the possibility of participating in the preparation of the UNECE guidelines on methodologies for measuring procedures.

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