

the President of the United States of America, His Excellency the President of the French Republic, His Majesty the King of Italy, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Peru, His Majesty the King of Portugal and of the Algarves, His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway, His Excellency the President of the Swiss Confederation, His Majesty the Emperor of the Ottomans, and His Excellency the President of the Republic of Venezuela, being desirous of assuring the international uniformity and perfection of the metric system, have resolved to conclude a Convention for this object, and have named as their Plenipotentiaries, viz:—

(The names of the Plenipotentiaries, which are here given in the text of the Convention, with their full titles, &c., will be found as names of the signatories of the Convention.)

ARTICLE 1.

The High Contracting Parties engage to found and maintain at their common expense an *International Bureau of Weights and Measures*, scientific and permanent, its seat to be at Paris.

ARTICLE 2

The French Government will undertake the necessary arrangements for facilitating the acquisition, or, if requisite, the construction of a building to be specially appropriated for this purpose, under the conditions specified in the Regulations annexed to the present Convention.

ARTICLE 3

The International Bureau will execute its functions under the exclusive direction and superintendence of an *International Committee of Weights and Measures*, itself placed under the authority of a *General Conference of Weights and Measures*, formed of delegates of all the contracting Governments.

ARTICLE 4

The President for the time being of the Academy of Sciences at Paris shall be the President of the General Conference of Weights and Measures.

ARTICLE 5

The organization of the International Bureau, as well as the composition and attributes of the International Committee and of the General Conference of Weights and Measures, are determined by the Regulations annexed to the present Convention.

ARTICLE 6

The International Bureau of Weights and Measures is charged with:—

1. All comparisons and verifications of the new primary Standard Metres and Kilograms.
2. The preservation of the International Prototypes.
3. The periodical comparisons of the National Standards with the International Prototypes and their primary copies (*témoins*), and of the Standard thermometers.
4. The comparison of the new primary Standards with the fundamental standards of Weights and Measures, other than Metric, in the different countries and in scientific use.