

ARTICLE 14

The present Convention shall be ratified according to the Constitutional laws peculiar to each State. The ratifications shall be exchanged within six months, or sooner if possible. It shall take effect from the 1st January, 1876.

In faith whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the Convention and have affixed the seal of their arms thereto.

Done at Paris, the 20th May, 1875.

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| For Germany: | For Italy: |
| (L.S.) HOHENLOHE. | (L.S.) NIGRA. |
| For Austria-Hungary: | For Peru: |
| (L.S.) APPONYI. | (L.S.) S. GALVEZ. |
| For Belgium: | (L.S.) FRANCESCO DE RIVERO. |
| (L.S.) BEYENS. | For Portugal: |
| For Brazil: | (L.S.) JOSE DA SILVA MENDES LEAL. |
| (L.S.) VICOMTE D'ITAJUBA. | For Russia: |
| For the Argentine Confederation: | (L.S.) OKOUNEFF. |
| (L.S.) M. BALCARCE. | For Switzerland: |
| For Denmark: | (L.S.) KERN. |
| (L.S.) L. MOLTKE-HIRTFELDT. | For Turkey: |
| For Spain: | (L.S.) HUSNY. |
| (L.S.) MARQUIS DE MOLINS. | For Venezuela: |
| (L.S.) CARLOS IBANEZ. | (L.S.) E. ACOSTA. |
| For United States: | |
| (L.S.) E. B. WASHBURNE. | |
| For France: | |
| (L.S.) DECAZES. | |
| (L.S.) C. DE MEAUX. | |
| (L.S.) DUMAS. | |

Regulations

ARTICLE 1

The International Bureau of Weights and Measures shall be established in a special building affording all the necessary guarantees of tranquility and stability.

Besides the locality appropriated to the deposit of the Metric prototypes, it shall comprise rooms for fitting up the comparing instruments and balances, a laboratory, a library, a record room, working rooms for the executive officers, and lodgings for the principal and subordinate officers of the establishment.

ARTICLE 2

The International Committee is charged with the acquisition and appropriation of this building, as well as with the fitting it up for the services for which it is destined.

In case the Committee shall not be able to obtain possession of a convenient building, they shall have one constructed under their direction, and according to their plans.