Commission A3 Fundamental Standards Resolutions for consideration for the XXXII General Assembly

Resolution on the establishment of a coordinated lunar time standard by international agreement

The XXXIInd International Astronomical Union General Assembly,

Considering

- 1. that the time coordinate of a reference system is designated by a coordinate time, which in the terminology of General Relativity, is not given by any real clock,
- 2. that increased robotic and human activity on the Moon in the near future requires a practical lunar reference time scale, internationally recognized, and that is suitable as the basis for scientific measurements there,
- 3. that Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), as established by the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM) based on international collaboration and coordination, has been a successful worldwide reference time scale for operational systems in the near-Earth environment,

Recommends

1. the relationships between the possible versions of a lunar reference time scale and other time scales, in particular a lunar coordinate time and UTC, are pursued in collaborative agreement among the relevant international organizations.