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Dear Colleagues at GUM, and to all those gathered on the occasion of celebrating One Century of Metrology at GUM in Poland: Congratulations!

On behalf of your friends at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of the Department of Commerce of the United States of America, the National Council of Weights and Measures, and the entire community of metrology in the United States of America, it is my great pleasure to extend our heartiest congratulations to the Central Office of Measures (GUM) of the Ministry of Economy of Poland for 100 years as the Polish authority on scientific, industrial and legal metrology.

We join with metrologists from around the world in this celebration of metrology in Poland. I am truly sorry that I am not able to join you in person to commemorate this momentous occasion, as my presence has been required in Washington, D.C. on this day by the U.S. Congress.

We at NIST applaud your achievements in strengthening the National Quality Infrastructure in Poland. We are delighted by the commitment of the Government of Poland to ensure the future of GUM as a modern National Metrology Institute by establishing an external laboratory campus for state-of-the-art measurements science research. This important investment by the Government of Poland represents the recognition that a strong metrology institute is integral to economic growth and prosperity.

NIST is very pleased to have made contributions to these plans and efforts for the future of measurements science in Poland. We have enjoyed close cooperation between Poland's delegations to the United States at our NIST campuses in Gaithersburg and Boulder, sharing information on research facilities design and construction, research programs and equipment, human resources development, strategic planning, and laboratory management.

GUM has an outstanding team of dedicated researchers and staff, providing highly valued services for the economy and scientific research, contributing to the continuous improvement of the global measurement system. We were delighted also to celebrate with you the momentous achievements of world metrology through the redefinition of the SI by the unanimous vote at the Conférence Générale des Poids et Mesures, the CGPM in Versailles in November of 2018. NIST values our relationship with GUM and is honored to continue our strong collaboration. We look forward to your continued progress as you advance metrology in Poland.

Once again, congratulations on 100-year anniversary. NIST wishes you success in your next century for the people of Poland, and for metrology world-wide.

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