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WORKSHOP ON THE ROLE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNICAL REGULATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Tuesday, 7 November 2000, 10.00 a.m.
Palais des Nationa (Salle VIII), Geneva

Provisional agenda

This paper is presented for information to delegates.

An information note on the workshop, describing its purpose and the issues to be addressed, can be found in annex 1 to the provisional agenda of the Working Party session (document TRADE/WP.6/2000/3).
Workshop on the Role of Standards and Technical Regulations in International Trade  
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Opening session

10.00 - 10.10 Opening of the Workshop (Ms. Danuta Hubner, Executive Secretary, UN/ECE)

10.15 - 10.35 UN/ECE Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies (WP.6)  
Mr. Christer Arvius, Chairman of WP.6.

Session 1 Experience of UN/ECE intergovernmental groups of experts, international standards organizations and other global fora on technical harmonization matters  
(Issues to be addressed: how technical harmonization matters are dealt with in a particular organization or fora; availability and examples of good regulatory practice; projects and future work in this area, etc.).

10.35 - 10.55 UN/ECE World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29),  
Mr. Vadim Koutenev, Chairman of UN/ECE WP.29

10.55 - 11.15 International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC),  
Dr. Christian Favre, Assistant Secretary-General, ISO

11.15 - 11.35 International Federation of Standards Users (IFAN),  
Mr. Veit Ghiladi Vice-President

11.35 - 11.55 Global Harmonization Task Force for Medical Devices (GHTF),  
Ms. Beth Pietersen, Chairwoman

11.55 - 12.20 Discussion

Session 2 Views and experience of economic operators and regulators regarding the facilitation of trade through technical harmonization  
(Issues to be addressed by economic operators: examples of various national regulations aimed at similar safety/health concerns; national standards and regulations - costs for companies to meet their requirements; problems faced in meeting different conformity assessment requirements, etc.)

(Issues to be addressed by regulators: general and specific concerns at national and regional level; international technical harmonization and the role and responsibility of a country, etc.).

12.20 - 13.00 State of technical harmonization in the sector of elevators (lifts)

- Presentation from a manufacturer, Mr. Pierre Bianchini, Director of Codes, “Kone Elevators”
- Presentation from regulatory authority (speaker to be confirmed)
- Questions and answers
13.00 - 15.00 Lunch break

**continuation of Session 2**

15.00 - 15.40 State of technical harmonization in the area of electrotechnical goods
- Presentation from Industry Cooperation on Standardization and Conformity Assessment (ICSCA).
  Mr. Thomas Fisher, Corporate Manager, Siemens
- Presentation from a trade policy authority
  Mr. Heinz Hertig, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Switzerland
- Questions and Answers

15.40 - 16.20 State of technical harmonization problems in the area of *earth-moving machinery*
- Presentation from a manufacturer
  Mr. Jan Mimer, Director, Volvo Wheel Loaders Ltd.
- Presentation from ISO TC 127, “Earth-moving machinery”
  Mr. Robert Niemeier, Manager for Caterpillar Standards and Regulations (Europe).
- Questions and answers

16.20 - 17.00 Conclusions of the Workshop
(proposals on possible follow-up activities and closing of the Workshop)

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