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and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification
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Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom

Referring to Resolution 2009/19 of the Economic and Social Council (see ST/SG/AC.10/36, annex IV or informal document UN/SCETDG/36/INF.7), the expert from the United Kingdom suggests to insert the following paragraphs in the draft resolution to be prepared by the Committee for consideration and adoption by the Council at its 2011 substantive session:

"Noting with concern that, despite the recommendations contained in Chapter 5.5 of the Model Regulations annexed to the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, intended to alert workers involved in opening and unloading transport units containing general cargo which has been fumigated prior to shipment for phytosanitary purposes and who may be unfamiliar with the substantial risks of asphyxiation, intoxication and death when such units have not been ventilated, accidents during such operations are still reported in port areas and inland container depots;

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5. Invites in particular the governments of Member States and the International Labour Organization to draw the attention of authorities and other entities concerned with workplace safety to the warning, marking, documentation and training provisions contained in Chapter 5.5 of the Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations, concerning fumigated cargo transport units, and to take appropriate steps to ensure their implementation and workers awareness;"
