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and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification  
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**Classification criteria and hazard communication:**

**Nanomaterials**

**Terms of reference for the correspondence group on  
nanomaterials**

**Transmitted by the expert from France on behalf of the correspondence  
group**

**Introduction**

1. Reference is made to paragraph 28, of the report of the Sub-Committee on its 25<sup>th</sup> session (document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/50) where it is stated that: "*It was agreed that the group should start by clearly defining the terms of reference for its work.*".
2. This document presents the outcome of the informal meeting of the group during the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the Sub-Committee.
3. On the basis of INF.23 and on a document circulated for discussion at the informal meeting, the group agreed on the following proposal regarding the terms of reference for the group:

**Terms of reference**

- (a) To establish whether there is a need to amend the GHS to make clear that nano forms of a chemical are within scope of the GHS;
- (b) To review the classification and labelling criteria in the GHS to establish whether they are appropriate for nano, as well as bulk-forms of a chemical;
- (c) To review the content of safety data sheets set out in the GHS in terms of their applicability to nano-forms of a chemical;
- (d) To report back to the sub-committee on the outcomes of (a) to (c) and to propose as appropriate further work.

**Proposal**

4. Taking into account the agreement of the group, the Sub-Committee is invited to endorse the terms of reference of the group as proposed in this document.
5. A formal document will be submitted to the next session with a recall of the terms of reference of the group, and the outcome of the work of the group.