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and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification
and Labelling of Chemicals**

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Introduction

1. Adequate training leading to compliance with the safety provisions provided in the Model Regulations is critical to the safe transport of dangerous goods. Presently, in different countries and regions of the world training capabilities and competency are varied and inconsistent.
2. Opportunities may exist to improve safety by facilitating competent training assistance, particularly in developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Once countries have appropriate training programs on the dangerous goods they import or manufacture in their own countries, the infrastructure to develop a comprehensive safety program can be established.

Discussion

3. The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) has an outreach and training program administered through the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). The GHS program includes e-learning and face-to-face training courses to assist in national and regional implementation efforts. A similar program for global implementation of the Model Regulations does not exist.
4. The Sub-Committee should consider the benefits of increased capacity building through competent training on the transport of dangerous goods. This discussion could include opportunities to enhance training for both authorities and the regulated community.

Action Requested

5. The Sub-Committee is invited to discuss the merits of this informal paper for inclusion in the 2021-2022 biennium's program of work.
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