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DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY  
HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION  
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**

Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized  
System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals  
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**PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2003-2004**

**Possible areas for future work**

**- Activities for Training and Capacity Building for GHS Implementation,**

**Transmitted by the experts from Argentina, Brasil, Canada and Germany**

**Introduction**

The purpose of this document is to provide in addition to the technical issues for possible areas of future work already identified, (documents C.4/2001/28, C.4/2002/2 and C.4/2002/7) activities for training and capacity building for GHS implementation.

This is a contribution to the task of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (SCEGHS) foreseen in its terms of reference (document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/7)

“The functions of the Sub-Committee shall be to:

- (c) Promote understanding and use of the system and encourage feedback;
- (d) Make the system available for worldwide use and application;
- (e) Make guidance available on the application of the system, and on the interpretation and use of technical criteria to support consistency of application;”

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the SCEGHS adds the following activities to its work program 2003-2004:

- identify countries needs for guidance and for technical and/or financial assistance to implement the GHS;
  - encourage governments, international organisations and non-governmental bodies (in particular industry) to support GHS implementation and capacity building activities in developing countries and countries in transition by financial contributions and providing technical expertise;
  - take note of and endorse the existing UNITAR/ILO programme to “*Develop and Implement National Chemical Hazard Communication and GHS Action Plans*”, continue to monitor its developments and provide relevant advice, as appropriate, via the program advisory group;
  - facilitate the development and use of guidance/training materials on the implementation of the GHS taking into account countries experience about its relation to other chemical management instruments by 2004;
  - assist, as appropriate, and endorse the completion of guidance and training material developed through the UNITAR/ILO programme by 2004;
  - assist, as appropriate, in the training and other activities taking place under the UNITAR/ILO programme (e.g. provision of technical expertise) and
  - endorse participation in and support of the WSSD Type 2 Partnership initiated by the UNITAR/ILO on GHS Training and Capacity Building and other similar activities which contribute towards reaching the WSSD GHS implementation target of 2008.
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