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### COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS

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Transport of Dangerous Goods

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Harmonized System of Classification  
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#### PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2007-2008

##### Physical Hazards

##### Chemically unstable gases

##### Transmitted by the expert from Germany

### 1. Introduction

During their last meetings the Sub-Committees of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals agreed that chemically unstable gases – although appropriately addressed under transport regulations – currently are not addressed appropriately in the GHS.

The Sub-Committees had accepted the offer from the expert from Germany to convene an informal intersessional working group that is supposed to make proposals how to solve the issue of chemically unstable gases. The terms of reference for this group would have to be defined before the end of this biennium and the work of this group would be included in the program of work for the next biennium.

### 2. Proposal

This document proposes the following terms of reference, schedule and course of action for the informal intersessional working group. Both Sub-Committees are invited to agree and to include them in the future work program for the next biennium.

Scope Classification of chemically unstable gases

Tasks

1. To develop a test method suitable to determine whether a gas or a gas mixture is chemically unstable.
2. To develop a proposal how the issue of chemical instability of gases could be included into the GHS based on the test method.
3. To develop a proposal for suitable hazard communication elements for chemically unstable gases.

Schedule Delegations in both Sub Committees are invited to show their interest to work in the intersessional working group - as agreed in the meetings in July 2006. The expert from Germany proposes to hold a first meeting of that group on May 2, 3 or 4, 2007 in Berlin (Germany) at the premises of BAM. He intends to send out the invitation in January 2007 and to present a first draft of the test method as a working paper for the working group early in 2007.

Course of action A complete proposal according to the above-named task of the group is to be presented to both Sub Committees at the latest in their session in July 2008. A progress report of the group will be presented to both Sub Committees at each session.

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