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PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2003-2004

Harmonisation of the information codes for the identification of hazards and emergency measures for the transport of dangerous goods.

<u>Transmitted by the International Union of Railways</u> (UIC/IUR)

Reference is made to the discussions at the last session of the Sub-Committee on document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2002/28 and Add.1 and to para. 142 to 144 of the report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/42.

Some experts supported the idea of harmonization of the codes, other experts considered that emergency response was not necessarily linked to classification. No decision was taken by the Sub-Committee on the proposal but the representative of UIC invited the experts of the Sub-Committee to compare the systematic approach with the systems for the attribution of emergency codes in the different countries.

The representative of the UIC therefore proposes to include this harmonisation of hazard and emergency codes into the future programme of work.