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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**

**Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized
System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**
(12-14 December 2001)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SECOND SESSION

**to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.00 a.m.* on Wednesday, 12 December 2001**

Items	Documents
1. Adoption of the agenda	ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/3
2. Election of officers	
3. Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)	ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/20 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/21 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/22 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/23 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/24 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/25 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/26 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/27 ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/28
4. Comments on the GHS	ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/30, Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3

*. *The starting time, originally scheduled for 2.30 p.m., has been changed to 10.00 a.m.*

Items	Documents
5. Outstanding work	
(a) Reports on progress and completion of on-going work	ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/38/Add.2
(b) Consideration of the need for work on classification criteria for narcotic effects	ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/29
(c) Miscellaneous	
6. Implementation	
(a) National level	ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/19
(b) International instruments	
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8. Future publication of the GHS	
9. Other business	
10. Adoption of the report	

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Provisional timetable:

Wednesday	12 December 2001	Agenda items 1, 2, 3
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Friday	14 December 2001	Agenda items 7, 8, 9, 10

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Note 1: For reasons of economy, delegations are invited to keep their own copies of documents and to bring them to the meeting.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with established practice, the first item on the agenda is the adoption of the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat.

2. Election of officers

At its first session, the Sub-Committee elected Ms. K. Headrick (Canada) and Ms. A.L. Sundquist (Finland) respectively Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the biennium 2001-2002 (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2, paras. 16 and 17). The Sub-Committee decided also that a second Vice-Chairperson should be elected among experts from developing countries at the second session after further consultation with experts from developing countries (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2, para. 18).

3. Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)

The development of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals has been co-ordinated by the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems (CG/HCCS), which has now completed the GHS document (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/20 to ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/28). In order to introduce this document to the Sub-Committee, experts of the IOMC Coordinating Group will give a one-day presentation on 12 December.

4. Comments on the GHS

The Sub-Committee may wish to comment on the final document submitted by the IOMC.

Comments on hazard communication have been transmitted by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/30, Add.1, Add.2 and Add.3).

5. Outstanding work

(a) *Reports on progress and completion of on-going work*

The Sub-Committee may wish to take note of the report of the United Nations / ILO Working Group on the Harmonization of the Classification Criteria for Physical Hazards (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/38/Add.2) containing the final results on the classification criteria for aerosols. The adopted criteria have already been inserted in the GHS document (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/21).

The Sub-Committee will be informed of the work of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on classification criteria for aspiration hazards, respiratory irritation hazards and water-activated toxics.

The Sub-committee may also wish to note that the question of the use of diamond-shape pictograms for hazards not covered by transport regulations, which had been discussed at the July session of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/38, paras. 95-104), will be raised again at the next session of that Sub-

Committee (3-11 December) on the basis of a proposal by the expert from the United States of America (ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2001/44).

(b) *Consideration of the need for work on classification criteria for narcotic effects*

In accordance with its work-plan for the biennium, the Sub-Committee may wish to discuss the need for classification criteria for narcotic effects. In this perspective, the expert from Sweden has submitted a document for consideration by the Sub-Committee (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/29).

(c) *Miscellaneous*

6. Implementation

(a) *National level*

The Sub-Committee may wish to discuss the effective future implementation of the GHS at national level.

The expert from New Zealand has submitted a document on this subject (ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2001/19).

(b) *International instruments*

The Sub-Committee may wish to consider which existing international legal instruments/recommendations contain provisions concerning classification or labelling of chemicals that would have to be harmonized with the GHS and how to establish co-operation with organizations, within or outside the UN system, responsible for such instruments.

7. Capacity building

The Sub-Committee may wish to discuss future capacity building initiatives.

A representative of United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) will brief the Sub-Committee on the UNITAR/ILO/IOMC Training and Capacity Building Programme to implement the GHS and, in particular, on the results of the Programme Advisory Group Preliminary Consultation.

8. Future publication of the GHS

The Sub-Committee may wish to discuss the future publication of the GHS (layout, format, etc.).

9. Other business

10. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, the Sub-Committee may wish to adopt the report on its second session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.


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