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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 Transport of Dangerous Goods****Forty-sixth session**

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**Programme of work for the biennium 2015–2016****The Working Group on Explosives****Transmitted by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee**

1. At the forty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee the Working Group on Explosives, chaired by Mr. Ed. de Jong (Netherlands), met for four days and was remitted to address questions in relation to agenda item 2 ‘Explosives and related matters’. This was a total of 25 papers; 17 formal papers and 8 informal papers. Some of these papers related to on-going large scale reviews of the regulations for the transport of dangerous goods and the Manual of Tests and Criteria which will continue into the next biennium.

2. During the last biennium, increasing demands have been made on the time of the Working Group on Explosives to discuss the technical issues raised by papers. It has been increasingly difficult to discuss every issue in sufficient detail within the allocated time. At the same time the GHS Sub-Committee has also remitted further work to the TDG Sub-Committee as the focal point for physical hazards which is likely to need to be reviewed by the Working Group on Explosives. As Chairman of the TDG Sub-Committee I have already cautioned the GHS Sub-Committee that quick results from the work requested may not be possible given the existing heavy workload.

3. The Working Group meets once a year in the summer session of the Sub-Committee but due to their on-going work programme in the next biennium the Chairman would like to suggest that the Working Group on Explosives is convened in parallel to each session of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods during the 2015-2016 biennium.

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