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Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (First session, 9-11 July 2001)

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The GHS Sub-Committee recognizes that sometimes it may be necessary to use the resources of other organizations to assist the GHS Sub-Committee.

On that basis, and taking into account the work going on in different organizations, the GHS Sub-Committee:

a) Invites the IOMC CG/HCCS to submit as an official document for the December 2001 meeting of the Sub-Committee a draft of the GHS document;

b) Invites OECD to finalize the work on classification criteria for:

- aspiration hazards;
- respiratory irritation hazards;
- water-activated toxic hazards;

and to submit corresponding proposals for the December 2002 meeting of the GHS Sub-Committee;

c) Invites OECD to investigate the need to address narcotic effects for classification purposes;

d) Recognizing the specific expertise of OECD, ILO, UNSCETDG, UNITAR and other organizations, invites these organizations (focal points) to be involved in the work of GHS.

The GHS Sub-Committee agrees that:

- future work by the appropriate focal points will be based on proposals from the GHS Sub-Committee, specifying scope of the work and timescale,

- participants in the GHS Sub-Committee that have not been involved in the work of the focal points should be invited to participate in the ongoing and future work of these focal points;

- focal points should report to the GHS Sub-Committee on the progress of the work at each meeting and submit their proposals to the Sub-Committee in accordance with the timescale envisaged by the Sub-Committee, with due respect to the existing rules for document submission.