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Reports of informal working groups**Comments on the report of the informal working group on
reduction of the risk of a BLEVE****Transmitted by the Government of France**

1. The BLEVE working group that was held from 20 to 22 December 2010 in Paris has raised the high interest of having a standardised database allowing a reliable analysis of accidents happening during the transport of dangerous goods.
2. Several examples have pointed out that it could be extremely interesting to analyse accident data, not only on the basis of one single specific accident, but also based upon statistical analysis given a large number of accidents. In particular the working group has been able to assess the efficiency and show the relevance of some safety measures by analysing the statistical data produced.
3. Indeed, France has been developing for many years a database reporting accidents that have occurred during the transport of dangerous goods. The existing data were very helpful for the working group, who reckoned that this tool should be spread to all issues dealing with TMD. Members of the working group have encouraged France to submit a proposal for a more general tool.
4. Although the idea of accident reporting at European level is already mentioned in 1.8.5, for now it has never led to the reporting of a number of accidents large enough to carry out a statistical analysis at European level. Yet we think the analysis of a large number of recurrent, even if small accidents, would be very helpful.
5. France suggests a systematic report of accident data, through a simple tool that would cover thoroughly the sections given in the model report in 1.8.5.4. An extract of the French database spreadsheet is given in Annex 1 by way of an example.
6. If the Joint Meeting considers that the idea raised by the working group is interesting, France is willing to produce a more elaborate proposal.

