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Status of the work of the Annex 1-3 informal working group

Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom on behalf of the informal working group

Introduction

1. This informal paper provides an update on the work undertaken by the informal working group on the revision of Annexes 1 to 3 since the forty-first session of the   
Sub-Committee in December 2021.

Background

2. At the thirty-ninth session, the Sub-Committee agreed the working group’s programme of work for the 2021-2022 biennium[[1]](#footnote-2) and updates on the progress of the work were provided to the Sub-Committee at the fortieth and forty-first sessions.[[2]](#footnote-3)

3. The informal working group presently has approximately 70 members, reflecting the importance of, and interest in, this work to improve Annexes 1 to 3. Its membership includes experts with specialised knowledge of the various hazard classes within the GHS and experts on national legislation that implements GHS.

Status report

4. Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, the working group has actively taken forward, via correspondence and at two virtual meetings (3 February and 4 March 2022), the outstanding issues from the discussions at the forty-first session.

5. The outcomes include the following working and informal documents submitted by the United Kingdom on behalf of the working group for consideration by the Sub-Committee at its forty-second session in July 2022:

* **ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2022/5** and informal document **INF.3 (42nd session) -** “Combination statement amendments to sections 1, 2 and 3 of Annex 3”

6. The informal working group is currently progressing several other issues from their work plan, including respiratory sensitizers issues, and will continue its work via correspondence, virtual meetings, and at a face-to-face informal group meeting during the forty-second session in July 2022.

Action requested from the Sub-Committee

7. The Sub-Committee is invited to note the progress of the Annexes 1-3 working group.

1. see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/78 and informal document INF.21 (39th session) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. see informal documents INF.17 (40th session) and INF.16 (41st session) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)