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System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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Item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda
**Implementation of the GHS:
possible development of a list of chemicals classified
in accordance with the GHS**

Status update on the Global list informal working group

Transmitted by the experts from the United States and Canada*

Introduction

1.   The Sub-Committee has been studying the possibility of developing a global list of chemicals classified in accordance with the GHS since 2008. It has done considerable work in this regard, including a survey of international classification lists, developing a set of guiding principles, a pilot classification project, and a list comparison exercise.

2.   The Global list informal working group last discussed the potential paths forward during a teleconference on 22 February 2018, but did not meet at the thirty-fifth or thirty-sixth session as the chair of the informal working group was not in attendance.

3.   The Chair of the informal working group stepped down due to a new role and additional responsibilities, and the global list informal informal working group will now be co-chaired by the United States and Canada.

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*   In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2019-2020 approved by the Committee at its ninth session (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/108, paragraph 141 and ST/SG/AC.10/46, paragraph 14).

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Discussion and proposal

4.   The co-Chairs of the informal working group are developing a thought starter and plan to schedule a teleconference call to discuss it prior to thirty-seventh session. A more detailed informal paper will follow.

5.   The working group will also meet at the thirty-seventh session to further discuss the continuing work on this project.

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