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DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY
HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION
AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS**
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Agenda item 3

DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Note by the Secretariat

The secretariat reproduces hereafter relevant extracts of the Economic and Social Council's decisions 2001/201B of 3 May 2001 and 2002/201C of 26 July 2002 concerning the membership of the Committee and its Sub-Committees, as well as resolutions 2001/34 of 26 July 2001 and 2001/44 of 20 December 2001 concerning the work of the Committee.

Decisions

2001/201 B

Elections, nominations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 7th and 8th plenary meetings, on 3 May 2001, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

(...)

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

The Council, in accordance with its resolution 1999/65 of 26 October 1999, endorsed the decision of the Secretary-General to approve the applications for membership in the reconfigured Committee as follows:

Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Subcommittee): **Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Qatar, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.**

Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Subcommittee): **Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.**

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2002/201 C

Elections, nominations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 26 July 2002, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

(...)

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

The Council, in accordance with its resolution 1999/65 of 26 October 1999, endorsed the decision of the Secretary-General to approve the application of **China, Denmark and Portugal** for membership in the Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Subcommittee), and the application of **Portugal** for membership in the Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Subcommittee).

(...)

Resolutions

2001/34

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals¹¹⁸ during the biennium 1999-2000,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals;

2. *Decides* to approve the programme of work of the Committee for the biennium 2001-2002 as contained in paragraph 31 of the report of the Secretary-General;¹¹⁸

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General to publish the eleventh revised edition of the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Model Regulations* in Arabic, as well as the third revised edition of the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Manual of Tests and Criteria* in Arabic, French and Spanish, without delay;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To circulate the new and amended recommendations¹¹⁹ to the Governments of member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international organizations concerned;

(b) To publish the twelfth revised version¹²⁰ of the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Model Regulations*, and amendments to the third revised edition of the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Manual of Tests and Criteria*¹²¹ in all the official languages of the United Nations, in the most cost-effective manner, not later than the end of 2001;

(c) To give further consideration to the possibility of publishing the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods* on CD-ROM if possible as a navigable version, for example, by commercial arrangement with external contractors;

5. *Decides* to defer further consideration of the report of the Secretary-General to its resumed substantive session of 2001.

*43rd plenary meeting
26 July 2001*

¹¹⁸ E/2001/44.

¹¹⁹ ST/SG/AC.10/27/Add.1 and Add.2.

¹²⁰ ST/SG/AC.10/1/Rev.12.

¹²¹ ST/SG/AC.10/11/Rev.3, Amend.1.

2001/44

Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2001/34 of 26 July 2001,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals¹²² during the biennium 1999-2000, in particular regarding the adoption of new and amended provisions for inclusion in the eleventh revised edition of the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Model Regulations* and in the third revised edition of the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Manual of Tests and Criteria*;

2. *Invites* all Governments, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the secretariat of the Committee their views on the Committee's work, together with any comments that they may wish to make on the amended recommendations;

3. *Invites* all interested Governments, the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and the international organizations concerned, when developing or updating appropriate codes and regulations, to consider taking into account the recommendations of the Committee;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to it in 2003 on the implementation of its resolution 2001/34 and the present resolution.

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E/2001/44.