COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS AND ON THE GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING OF CHEMICALS <u>Sub-Committee of Experts on the</u> <u>Transport of Dangerous Goods</u> (Twenty-fourth session, 1-10 December 2003, agenda item 9)

MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL REGULATIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS

<u>Comments on ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2003/48 (United States of America)</u> <u>Requirements for toxic by inhalation substances</u>

<u>Transmitted by the International Technical Committee for the prevention</u> <u>and Extinction of Fire (CTIF)</u>

CTIF welcomes the initiative taken by the expert from the United States of America to improve the communication of the specific hazards posed by toxic by inhalation (TIH) substances.

CTIF has stated in its previous support for the various US TIH proposals that it considers this to be very important for emergency responders.

CTIF consider the approach to address the documentation information and the labelling requirements in two different proposals enhances the chance to get a clear majority for the necessary improvement of the UN Recommendations in this particular area.

CTIF fully supports proposal ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2003/48 by the expert from the United States of America.

Nevertheless CTIF would like to emphasize that the labelling issue should be decided on in the current biennium because the warning of a severe health hazard, from a distance, is crucial for the safety of both the emergency service personnel and the public.