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**Group of Experts for the revision of the IMO/ILO/UNECE  
Guidelines for Packing of Cargo Transport Units**

**Second session**

Geneva, 19-20 April 2012

Agenda item 5 of the provisional agenda

**Proposals for new dates of next meetings**

**Dates and venue of next meetings**

**Note by the secretariat**

1. Given the large volume of the present first draft of the new Code of Practice (COP), the secretariat feels that the time between the present second session (19–20 April 2012) and the planned third session (5–6 July 2012) of the Group of Experts is too short to review in detail this first draft, to consult on and prepare the still missing sections and to incorporate all comments into a second draft of the COP.
2. For these reasons and referring to the Terms of Reference of the Group of Expert (Informal doc. No.3 (2011)-Revision 1) and Informal document No.6 (2011), the secretariat proposes to postpone the forthcoming third session of the Group of Experts to October 2012 and to extent the October session by one more day.
3. The forthcoming third session of the Group of Expert is thus proposed to be held on 15-17 October 2012 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.
4. In order to facilitate exchange of information and to optimise the time in-between the sessions of the Group of Experts, it is also proposed to have e-mail consultations among interested experts to assist the consultant in finalizing a comprehensive and high quality draft COP during summer 2012.