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**Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods  
and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification  
and Labelling of Chemicals****Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized  
System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals****Thirty-seventh session**

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**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).

## **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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