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Presented by the Chairman of the Joint ILO/UN-Working Group

**Criteria for physical hazards for the Global Harmonised System of Classification
and Labelling of hazardous chemicals/goods**

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As outcome of the meeting of the ILO Working Group on Harmonisation of Hazard Communication during its meeting in Geneva from 21 to 24 May 2001, the Joint ILO/UN Working Group is addressed to take into consideration three additional points.

1. The criteria for flammability of aerosols should be completed by the appropriate hazard communication elements (symbol, signal word and hazard statement). A proposal by the chairman is attached for discussion.
2. In the work of harmonisation of labelling of some physical hazards (self-reactives, organic peroxides and explosives) it was discovered that the criteria developed by the Joint ILO/UN Working Group for the GHS were not sufficiently detailed to make a suitable differentiation in use of the hazard communication elements in the GHS. So the definitions and criteria for Types A to G for self-reactives and organic peroxides and for the subdivisions 1.1 to 16 were taken into account in developing and assigning the hazard communication elements.

The Joint ILO/UN Working Group is invited to endorse inclusion of those definitions and criteria in the GHS – as they are presented in the 12th revised edition of the UN Model Regulations and the 3rd revised edition of the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria and to include them into the final report and the final document of the GHS to be presented by December 2001.

3. After having finished the work on criteria for flammability of aerosols, the Joint ILO/UN Working Group should take care of a final report containing all the criteria and results achieved. So the Joint ILO/UN Working Group may request the secretariat to update the report as in document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/28/add.3, to include all the results and criteria adopted by the Working Group and to add that as final report of the Working Group to the report of this meeting.

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Allocation of label elements to the criteria for flammability of aerosols

Category 1		Category 2	
Symbol:	Flame	Symbol:	Flame
Signal word:	Danger	Signal word:	Warning
Hazard statement:	Extremely flammable aerosol	Hazard statement:	Flammable aerosol
