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### UNECE project on Monitoring of Radioactively Contaminated Scrap Metal

#### Note by the Secretariat

Following conclusion of Phase 1 of the project on "Monitoring of Radioactively Contaminated Scrap Metal" that included holding of a first session of an international Group of Experts at Geneva (Switzerland) from 5 to 7 April 2004, work on Phase 2 of the project will now start with the support of the Government of the United States of America.

Following publication of the report of the first session of the Group of Experts that also included a summary of the 48 country replies to a detailed questionnaire on the subject, work will now continue in line with the recommendations made by the Group of Experts.

In particular, it is planned to develop an International Radiation Monitoring Protocol that, when implemented, will increase the capture of radioactive material in scrap metal, reduce the potential contamination and aid in the disposition (disposal, reuse or recycle) of the found materials. It is planned that a first draft of such a international Protocol, taking into account the experiences made with the so-called "Spanish Protocol", will be considered and possibly approved at the second session of the Group of Experts to be held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 12 to 14 June 2006.

In order to identify the issues and required provisions of the Protocol, the UNECE secretariat plans to consult, prior to this meeting, with a large number of experts in the field and plans to request UN member States to review the questionnaire replies prepared in 2004 under Phase 1 of the project.

Information on the activities of the Group of Experts is contained on the following web site:  
**<http://www.unece.org/trans/radiation/radiation.html>**.

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