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and Labelling of Chemicals**

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Dangerous goods safety training and capacity building

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Introduction

1. Adequate training leading to compliance with the safety provisions provided in the Model Regulations is critical to the safe transport of dangerous goods. Presently, in different countries and regions of the world training capabilities and competency are varied and inconsistent. The concept of dangerous goods safety training and capacity building was added to the agenda at the fifty-seventh session based on informal document INF.26 (57th session).
2. As noted in the report, the Sub-Committee did not have any objections to the inclusion of discussions on the benefits of increased capacity building through competent training on the transport of dangerous goods to the agenda for the current biennium 2021-2022.

Discussion

3. The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) has an outreach and training program administered through the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). The GHS program includes e-learning and face-to-face training courses to assist in national and regional implementation efforts. A similar program for global implementation of the Model Regulations does not exist.
4. The Sub-Committee should consider the benefits of increased capacity building through competent training on the transport of dangerous goods. This discussion could include opportunities to enhance training for both authorities and the regulated community.
5. Are there existing avenues or resources available for providing dangerous goods safety training and capacity building at the UN, regional, or national level that could be leveraged or modelled to increase general compliance?

Action requested

6. The Sub-Committee is invited to discuss experience with providing dangerous goods safety training and capacity building as well as existing opportunities that may be available with the goal of identifying possible opportunities to increase capacity building through competent training.
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