

**Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods  
and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification  
and Labelling of Chemicals**

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**Sub-Committee of Experts on the  
Transport of Dangerous Goods**

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**Other business**

**Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized  
System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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Item 6 of the provisional agenda

**Implementation of Agenda 2030 and work of the  
Economic and Social Council**

**Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the  
Committee of Experts during 2021-2022, work programme  
for 2023-2024 and related ECOSOC resolution**

**Note by the secretariat**

**Background**

1. At its 2023 session, on 7 June 2023, the Economic and Social Council considered the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the GHS under item 18 (l) of its agenda.
2. The report was circulated as document E/2023/56 in the six UN official languages<sup>1</sup>, and was divided in four parts as follows:
  - **Part I** contains the draft resolution which has been prepared by the Committee and which the Council was invited to adopt.
  - **Part II** contains detailed information on the implementation of resolution E/RES/2021/13<sup>2</sup> during 2021-2022 as a follow-up of the recommendations made by the Committee at its 10th session in December 2020. This includes, among others, information about the status of publication of consolidated revised editions of the Model Regulations, the Manual of Tests and Criteria and the GHS; status of implementation of the Model Regulations and the GHS worldwide);
  - **Part III** provides information on the activities of the Committee during the biennium 2021-2022 (e.g. meetings held and work accomplished).
  - **Part IV** contains the programme of work of the Committee and its schedule of meetings for the biennium 2023-2024.
3. The Council was invited to request the Secretary-General, through parts A and B of the proposed draft resolution:
  - (a) to publish its new recommendations (i.e. the 23<sup>rd</sup> revised edition of the Model Regulations, the 8<sup>th</sup> revised edition of the Manual of Tests and Criteria, and the 10<sup>th</sup> revised edition of the GHS);
  - (b) to invite Governments and relevant organizations to consider these recommendations and to provide feedback to the Committee;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=E%2F2023%2F56&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False>

<sup>2</sup> <https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=E%2FRES%2F2021%2F13&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False>

- (c) to approve the programme of work of the Committee for 2023-2024 through paragraph 1 of part C of the proposed draft resolution;
- (d) to rename the existing agenda sub-item from “Transport of dangerous goods” to “Transport of dangerous goods and globally harmonized system of classification and labelling of chemicals” to better reflect the scope of the work of the Committee following its reconfiguration in 1999, the Council is invited, and to include it in the agenda of its 2025 session; and
- (e) to adopt the whole draft resolution contained in Part I of the report.

## Outcome

4. The Sub-Committee may wish to note that the Council **took note of the information in the report E/2023/56 and adopted without changes, the draft resolution contained therein as prepared by the Committee at its 11<sup>th</sup> session (December 2022).**

5. Once officially issued, the resolution (E/RES/2023/...) as adopted by the Council will be made available on the webpage containing information about the activities of the Committee and its two sub-committees ([https://unece.org/transport/dangerous-goods/ecosoc-bodies-dealing-chemicals-safety#accordion\\_6](https://unece.org/transport/dangerous-goods/ecosoc-bodies-dealing-chemicals-safety#accordion_6)).

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