Status of the work of the informal working group on substances that are hazardous to the atmospheric system

Transmitted by the European Union on behalf of the informal working group on substances that are hazardous to the atmospheric system

Introduction

1. This informal document provides an update of the work conducted by the informal working group on substances hazardous to the atmospheric system since the forty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee in December 2023.

Background

2. At its forty-fourth session, the Sub-Committee agreed to the proposal by the European Union to establish an informal working group (IWG) to discuss a potential extension of scope of chapter 4.2 on substances that are hazardous to the atmospheric system.

3. The Sub-Committee agreed to the terms of reference and the workplan as presented in document INF.11 (forty-fourth session).

Status report

4. The IWG did not meet since the forty-fifth session of the Sub-Committee in December 2023.

5. The IWG expects to continue its deliberations in the second half of 2024.

Action requested from the Sub-Committee

6. The Sub-Committee is invited to note the progress of the IWG.

1 Unless otherwise mentioned, for the purpose of this document the term “substances” always includes mixtures as well.