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**Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally  
Harmonized System of Classification  
and Labelling of Chemicals**  
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## WORKING GROUP ON SDS

### Chair, Mr. Drew Wagner (Australia)

The Chair provided a background on the development of the draft guidance material for SDS (UN/SCEGHS/5/INF.6), and members identified the issues to be considered by the correspondence group in revising the draft document.

Members noted the issues identified by the intersessional group at their 16 June teleconference (UN/SCEGHS/5/IN.6/Add.8), including that the guidance document would be stand-alone, and agreed that a timeline for the development of the document should be discussed.

Members discussed the target audience for the SDS guidance document and agreed that the definitions and headings in the document should remain consistent with the GHS. Members also agreed to the formation of a drafting group to revise the draft document in light of the comments received from the correspondence group, such as the issue of cut-off values and how to provide adequate information on mixtures.

It was suggested that the current draft document should be revised to include first aid measures for physical hazards in section 4 and to address environmental protection in sections 7 and 8.

Some members expressed a preference for the revised document to be provided as a formal document for the December 2003 meeting. However, given the need for formal documents to be provided to the secretariat by September, members agreed to provide additional written comment to Australia by 31 July 2003, and for an informal paper on this issued to be developed for December 2003. To allow for sufficient consultation within countries, members requested that the revised document be made available four to six weeks before the meeting.

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