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

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COORDINATION AND WORK PROGRAMME

Development of the classification and labelling system for terrestrial environmental hazards

Transmitted by the expert from Spain

During the last GHS meeting, the Sub-Committee of Experts decided that the work on developing classification and labelling criteria for terrestrial environmental hazards should stay on its programme of work for the biennium 2005-2006, but would not be addressed to the OECD. Interested member countries were encouraged to continue the work with the lead country, Spain, through bi- or tri-lateral arrangements and to keep the Sub-Committee informed of their progress, with the aim of presenting the results of their work to the Sub-Committee at the end of the biennium. On the basis of the results achieved, the Sub-Committee might then wish to reconsider the possibility of addressing the issue to the OECD (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2004/20, para. 63).

Spain, as lead country, has reviewed the available scientific information, as a follow-up of document ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2004/20¹ prepared by the ad-hoc OECD Expert Group and transmitted by the OCDE to the last Sub-Committee meeting, and is now starting to set up an international Task Force which will address terrestrial environmental hazards and prepare a proposal for classification. Member States and stakeholders organizations are invited to nominate experts for this Task Force, to be set up after this summer.

Interested parties are requested to send an email to Mr. Tarazona (tarazona@inia.es) with copy to Mr. Carbó (mcarbo@mma.es) with the names and contact details of their candidates **BEFORE 10 September 2005**, clearly indicating in the subject "Experts Task Force Terrestrial Hazards".

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¹ ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/2004/20 "Issues to be addressed to develop the classification and labelling for terrestrial environmental hazards".