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Programme of work for 2013-2014

Programme of work of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Note by the Secretariat

At its forty-second session, the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods requested the secretariat to consolidate the programme of work for 2013-2014 in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman on the basis of decisions taken during the four sessions of the Sub-Committee in 2011-2012 and to include this consolidated programme in paragraph 86 of its report (see ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2012/CRP.3/Add.9, para.86).

Following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee and with the Chairman of the Working Group on Explosives, the following list has been agreed for inclusion in paragraph 86 of the report and approval by the Committee:

- (a) Explosives and related matters (including amendments to the list of dangerous goods; desensitized explosives; tests and criteria for flash compositions; review of test series 6; review of tests in parts I and II of the Manual of Tests and Criteria; review of packing instructions for explosives);
- (b) Listing, classification and packing (including amendments to the list of dangerous goods; classification of polymerizing substances; classification of substances listed by name in the dangerous goods list which do not meet the classification criteria or which meet criteria for hazards not identified in the list);
- (c) Electric storage systems (including testing of lithium batteries, safety procedures for damaged/defective lithium batteries not covered by current regulatory text; transport of large batteries; thermal batteries);
- (d) Transport of gases (including transport of ethylene oxide and propylene oxide mixtures; global recognition of UN and non-UN pressure receptacles; composite cylinders);
- (d) Miscellaneous proposals of amendments to the UN Model Regulations (including fuels in machinery or equipment; articles containing small quantities of dangerous goods; used medical devices; transport of environmentally hazardous substances; terminology issues; marking and labelling issues; packaging issues; tank issues; scope of section 5.5.3);
- (e) Electronic data interchange;
- (f) Cooperation with IAEA (including transport of radioactive material possessing additional hazards);
- (g) Global harmonization of transport of dangerous goods regulations with the UN Model Regulations;

(h) Guiding principles for the Model Regulations (updating, including rationale for assignment of E codes);

(i) Issues relating to the GHS (including corrosivity criteria; criteria for water-reactivity; classification criteria and flammability categories for certain refrigerants; classification and testing of oxidizing solids; expert judgement/weight of evidence.
