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SUMMARY REPORT ON THE 17th CONSULTATION OF THE IOMC CO-ORDINATING GROUP FOR THE HARMONIZATION OF CHEMICAL CLASSIFICATION COMMUNICATION

The meeting took place in Rome, Italy, hosted by ANPA, from to 2 to 3 November 2000.

After the approval of the agenda and of the report of the previous meeting, the status of technical work relating to:

- classification criteria for health and environmental hazards and for mixtures (OECD)
- hazard communication (ILO)
- classification criteria for physical hazards (ILO-UNCETDG)

was discussed.

In relation to physical hazards it was confirmed that the ILO-UNCETDG working group should develop classification criteria for compressed gases.

With regard to the restructuring of the UNCETDG (one Committee for Transport and GHS and two SubCommittees), it was noted that the composition of the SubCommittee for GHS will be decided by ECOSOC early next year on the basis of the request for participation.

For the Committee on Transport and GHS, no agreement was reached on the composition and participation (a large participation or something like a bureau).

An extended outline of the Guidance Document (which will contain the harmonized criteria for classification, labelling and safety data sheets, together with introductory, explanatory and advisory material) was also discussed.

It is planned to conclude the work on the Guidance Document in time for presenting it to the second meeting of the SubCommittee envisaged for December 2001.

The next meeting will take place in Geneva at ILO headquarters, May 2001.

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