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Item 6 of the provisional agenda

#### COORDINATION

#### UN/ECE Standardization List: Preparations of the fifth version - Comments and Suggestions

#### Note by the secretariat

#### Introduction

1. It is recalled that, at the eighth session, the Working Party decided to continue the revision of the UN/ECE Standardization List (ECE/STAND/20/Rev.4). The present document contains comments received so far from countries and from UN/ECE subsidiary bodies.

2. Delegations are invited to submit their comments on the proposals listed in the document and their suggestions concerning the revision of the List as well as information on how their governments set priorities for international standards development.

This document is a working document circulated for discussion and comments of delegates.

**Comments and suggestions received from:****A. From Turkey (Turkish Standards Institution) at the eighth session of the Working Party**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Comments</u>
3.7 Home electronic system	Priority should be given to performance and safety of personal computers used domestically.
4.9 Vehicles	To alleviate burden of speed on the environment, introduction of automated speed alarms and speed limiting devices should be considered.
5.3 Automatic alarms and sprinklers	Standardization of automated alarm systems and monitoring devices against forest fires will be useful (including satellite use).
10.3 Electric Road Vehicles	Standardization of safety and performance characteristics of high energy batteries will be useful.
13.3 Conductors	Technical requirements and testing methods for super conductor materials be studied.

**B. From the United States (National Institute of Standards and Technology)**

- (a) US Nuclear Regulatory Commission suggests the addition of a point 1.6 "Decommissioning" with inclusion criteria "A, B"; aspect of standardization work expected: "Safety standards, technical requirements and regulations"; organizations principally responsible: "IAEA, OECD/NEA".

While this topic may be considered to be included with one or more of the 5 items already identified, the NRC believes it is of sufficient importance to governments considering drawing up regulations in this area to be specifically identified.

- (b) In item 11.1, ITU should be listed in column 5 rather than column 6.
- (c) It was also suggested to ask UN/ECE member States which have domestic processes for setting priorities for international standards participation to provide a short summary of those processes (US has such a process and US delegate to the Working Party session in May 1999 will report on it).

**C. From the Russian Federation (State Committee for Standardization and Metrology)**

- (a) To expand the list of standardizing organizations mentioned in the UN/ECE Standardization List, for example by including relevant regional organizations.

**D. From UN/ECE Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Steel**

To add to the List the following areas:

- Harmonization of measurement of radioactivity in metallurgical scrap.
- Elaboration of an agreement on maximum level of radioactivity in metallurgical scrap.

(Organizations principally responsible: IAEA, EC, UN/ECE).

**E. From the UN/ECE workshop on harmonization of national regulations, standards and procedures for certification of mining equipment and materials (15-17 October 1998, Poland)**

To add to the List the following areas:

- Harmonization of national regulations, standards and procedures for certification of mining equipment and materials.
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