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REPORT ON THE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON CHEMISEED

Note by the secretariat

1. Responsibility for supervision of the chemical industry programme of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) has been transferred to the Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development (WP.8). Elements of the programme which have been retained will be under the guidance of the Team of Specialists on CHEMISEED, which will meet periodically and carry out those activities as approved by the Committee for Trade, Industry and Enterprise Development, the parent body of WP.8.

Executive Summary of the Report of the Third and Final Meeting of the ad hoc Group of Experts on the Chemical Industry (26-28 April 2000)

2. The session was attended by 17 countries and the European Community, and two international organizations. It welcomed the publication of the second edition of the Compendium on Soil Clean-up Technologies and Soil Remediation Companies, the Directory of Chemicals and Suppliers in Europe and the preliminary edition of The Chemical Industry in 1999: Annual Review. It accepted a new site from Poland into the first priority listing of contaminated sites for the Pilot Project, and the review of progress made at other sites. The meeting regretted the lack of possibilities to produce a second edition of the CHEMLEX database on chemical legislation and to expand its coverage, and hoped that some

agreement could be reached with the European Community. It expressed concern over the future of the statistical activity within the chemical programme. The session welcomed the reports on the progress for the third seminar on soil decontamination to be held in March 2001 in Paris and on the successful workshop that was held in Budapest on the use of ISO 14000 in the Chemical Industry. It was pleased to hear the invitation by the Government of Romania to organize a study tour of the chemical industry in that country, for which the Group gave its approval. It was pleased to hear the report on progress at the REMC (Regional Environmental Management Centre for the Chemical Industry) in Warsaw. It discussed at length the suitability of UN/ECE for assisting in the problem of decontamination of chemical munitions dumped in the Baltic Sea, and noted the advice of some delegations that this issue would best be considered within the framework of the Helsinki Commission.

**TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF
THE TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON CHEMISEED**

Mandate	
Established by	The CTIED at its fourth session (23 June 2000)
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of the third session of the ad hoc Group of Experts on the Chemical Industry (26-28 April 2000) (TRADE/CHEM/GE.1/2000/7) - Strategic Directions in Enterprise Development (TRADE/1999/10; TRADE/2000/8) - Reports of the CTIED (ECE/TRADE/231 and 262)
Mandate	<p>One year (renewable)</p> <p>Continue the activities of the CHEMISEED (CHEMical Industry Sustainable Ecological and Economic Development) Regional Programme; specifically to prepare for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Meeting of the Task Force on the Pilot Project - 30 October 2000 (b) Seminar in Paris - 13-15 March 2001, and the substantial preparatory work for that seminar (c) Publication of production and trade statistics for chemicals (d) Preparation for the session of the Team of Specialists in April 2001 (e) Maintain supervision of the cleanup activities of the Pilot project sites
Approved by	CTIED June 2000
Reporting to	Working Party on Industry and Enterprise Development
Expected output in the next 18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update of the UN/ECE web site - Publication of final edition of <i>The Chemical Industry in 1999 – Annual Review</i> - Seminar on Analysis, Methodology of Treatment and Remediation of Polluted Soils and Groundwaters, 13-15 March 2001, Paris
Expected final result	Guidelines for government action, recommendations for legislation.
Information Sheet	
Past	Conducted activities of the CHEMISEED regional programme
Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cleanup of chemically polluted sites in eastern and central Europe - Publication of the annual review of the chemical industry in 1999 - Publication of a directory of chemicals and suppliers in Europe - Publication of a compendium of soil cleanup technologies and soil remediation companies
Future	New activities will depend on secretariat resources and the requirements of delegates to the Team of Specialist meetings
Membership	The Team of Specialists consists of a core of delegates from the former ad hoc Group of Experts on the Chemical Industry and the Task Force on the Pilot Project