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**Programme of work for the biennium 2011-2012****Alignment with GHS, corrosivity criteria in Chapter 2.8****Transmitted by the expert from the Netherlands<sup>1</sup>**

1. During the thirty-sixth session of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Sub-Committee), a joint working group of experts from both sub-committees on the corrosivity criteria took place. The report of the working group can be found in Annex V of the report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/72. At the thirty-seventh session of the TDG Sub-Committee from 21-30 June 2010 the proposal to amend the text of Chapter 2.8 in order to align it with the GHS criteria for classification of corrosive substances was discussed on the basis of document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/2010/10 of the Netherlands together with informal documents INF.7 (Netherlands), INF.11 (AISE), INF.33 (CEFIC) and INF.39 (United Kingdom). However, the text was not adopted and the expert from the Netherlands was invited to submit a new proposal based on the discussion. Reference is made to paragraphs 111 to 115 of the report ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/74.

2. In the GHS Sub-Committee this issue was also discussed. Based on a proposal from the expert from the United Kingdom, the Sub-Committee agreed that a correspondence group between the GHS and the TDG sub-committees should be established to address the issues identified in the draft terms of reference contained in informal document INF.39. It was also agreed that the draft terms of reference be submitted as an official document to the next sessions of both sub-committees for their consideration and that a specific item on the work on corrosivity be included in their respective programmes of work for the next biennium. Reference is made to paragraphs 71 and 72 of the report ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/38.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with ST/SG/AC.10/C.4/38, para. 72.

3. In light of the intended work on the corrosivity criteria, the expert from the Netherlands awaits the progress of this work. As the work on alignment with GHS is not finalised, the expert from the Netherlands proposes this work item to be included in the work programme for the next biennium.

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