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POSSIBLE ALIGNMENT OF THE FRENCH AND ENGLISH TEXTS OF SUBHEADING NOTE 1 TO CHAPTER 16, SUBHEADING NOTES 1 AND 2 TO CHAPTER 20 AND NOTE 3 TO CHAPTER 21 (PROPOSAL BY THE EC)

(Item III.B.19 on Agenda)

I. BACKGROUND

1. On 11 February 2003, the Secretariat received the following note from the **EC** with regard to the amendments to subheading Note 1 to Chapter 16, subheading Notes 1 and 2 to Chapter 20 and Note 3 to Chapter 21 with a view to aligning the French and English texts.

II. NOTE FROM THE EC

2. "The English version of these Notes refers to containers of <u>a net weight</u>, whereas the French does not. The **EC** proposes that the French be aligned on the English to read "contenu d'un <u>poids net</u> n'excédant pas..." or the like. We are proposing this even though we know that the HS contains no legal definition of "net weight" at the level of a legal note."

III. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

3. The Secretariat agrees with the **EC** that there are misalignments between the French and English versions of the above-mentioned texts. On the basis of the **EC** proposal, the Secretariat has prepared possible amendments to the above-mentioned Notes as set out in the Annex to this document.

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IV. CONCLUSION

4. The Sub-Committee is invited to examine the proposed amendments as set out in the Annex to this document.

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