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1. The Committee is invited to examine the following conclusions reached by the Harmonized System Review Sub-Committee at its 25th Session in March 2002.

Annex B/1 - Approval of Review Sub-Committee Reports

2. The Director informed the Sub-Committee that the Policy Commission at its 46th Session had approved the report and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Group on Committee Structures and Working Methods, including the recommendation that reports should only be read at the end of a meeting where there was a necessity to do so. Accordingly, the Sub-Committee was asked to take note of the new report-reading procedure of the Sub-Committee, the text of which had been accepted by the HSC at its last session, and particularly the fact that the new procedure would take effect beginning with that session of the Sub-Committee.
3. Concerns were expressed regarding the legal difficulties that might arise from adopting the new procedure for the approval of reports at that session of the Sub-Committee before the Council examined any recommendations to change the procedure in June. Therefore it was suggested that, while the Sub-Committee should apply the decision of the Council at future sessions, the current Council Decision regarding the reading of reports should be applied at that session of the Sub-Committee and the Sub-Committee should therefore adopt its report at the end of that session.
4. In order to address the concerns raised and at the same time to meet the tight agenda of one week for this meeting, the Sub-Committee accepted the Director's proposal to suspend the meeting after finishing its business on Friday as scheduled and to read its report at the end of that meeting in May as a pragmatic compromise for that session. While the new procedure might not be invoked officially until the Council met in June, from a practical

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point of view, the Sub-Committee encouraged delegations to submit proposed changes to the draft report in writing as soon as possible so as to facilitate the reading of the Report in May.

5. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex B/2 – Report on the meeting of the Policy Commission (46th Session)

6. The Director presented the conclusions of the 46th Session of the Policy Commission on the Australian proposal regarding an innovative approach to the Harmonized System and reported on Secretariat's action taken following the Policy Commission's decision that the Secretary General and the Council Vice-Chairmen be asked to solicit papers from the WCO regions, national administrations and the private sector. The Director also noted that the report on the Policy Commission's examination of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Group on Committee Structures and Working Methods had been presented and discussed under Agenda Item II.1 (Annex B/1). The Sub-Committee took note of the Secretariat's report on the developments in the Policy Commission regarding the issue of the innovative approach to the Harmonized System.

7. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex B/3 – Decisions taken by the Harmonized System Committee at its 28th Session affecting the work of the Review Sub-Committee

8. The Chairman gave a brief overview of the decisions taken by the Harmonized System Committee at its 28th Session, and of the outstanding questions which affected the work of the Sub-Committee.

9. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex C/1 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature regarding the classification of waffles

10. One delegate was of the opinion that an objective criterion, such as water content, should be kept in the definition of waffles. He could therefore agree to the Secretariat's proposal to insert a water content limit (20 %) in the definition. Another delegate preferred to wait for the HS Committee's final decision with regard to the classification of "Kellogg's Eggo Frozen Waffles" before expressing a final view. It was finally decided that this issue should be discussed further at the Sub-Committee's next session on the basis of alternative proposals and further comments to be submitted by administrations. It was also decided that the Sub-Committee should look into the other water content limits, as well as the provisions for "base" and "fat content" in the Explanatory Note to heading 19.05.

11. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex C/2 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature regarding the classification of sauces

12. At the request of one delegate, the Sub-Committee decided to postpone the discussion of this issue to the next session, thus leaving administrations time to further consult with their industry concerning the proposed amendments.

13. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/3 and F/3 – Possible amendments to the Nomenclature and the Explanatory Note to heading 84.42

14. The Sub-Committee decided that the text approved, which is reproduced at Annex F/3 to Doc. NR0265E1, would not be submitted to the HS Committee's meeting in May for provisional approval. Furthermore, the Sub-Committee decided that the Secretariat, in addition to drafting a new working document for the Sub-Committee's next session reflecting the text approved at this meeting and the issues requiring further examination, would also include, for the delegates' convenience, an Annex similar to the Annex found in Doc. NR0139E1, reflecting in bold text the changes approved by the Sub-Committee to date.

15. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex C/4 – Possible amendments to the Nomenclature regarding the classification of cameras

16. After further discussion, and in an effort to advance the discussion with regard to this issue, the Sub-Committee decided that the Harmonized System Committee should be asked to rule on whether or not to regroup all cameras in one heading and, if so, in which heading. The Secretariat has prepared a document for this purpose (see Item IX.16 on Agenda).

Annex C/5 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature and Explanatory Notes to Chapter 24

17. The Delegate of **Poland** stated that the structure of Chapter 24 should be amended as to distinguish between unmanufactured, semi-manufactured and manufactured tobacco and indicated that her administration would submit a written proposal in this connection for the next session of the Sub-Committee in September.

18. After an exchange of views, the Director suggested that the Review Sub-Committee should focus its consideration on the new **Polish** proposal at its September session.

19. The Sub-Committee agreed with this suggestion and instructed the Secretariat to prepare a new working document for examination by the Sub-Committee at its next session on the basis of the promised new **Polish** proposal, which should include information on the background and history of this issue.

20. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/6 et F/6 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature in order to update the terminology of certain products and to delete obsolete items

21. The Sub-Committee examined the Secretariat's proposals for updating HS headings 85.20 and 85.24 to reflect technological developments and commercial realities.
22. The Sub-Committee agreed to review the amendments to heading 85.20 at its next session, on the basis of a new document to be prepared by the Secretariat which would include the Secretariat's proposal, Canada's proposal with the two options combined, a possible proposal from the United States, and any other proposals which Contracting Parties might care to submit.
23. Where heading 85.24 was concerned the Sub-Committee agreed, at the request of the Delegate of Switzerland, to retain the proposed new text of heading 85.24 in square brackets, for examination at its next session on the basis of a new proposal to be submitted by the Swiss Administration, and any other proposals which Contracting Parties might wish to put forward.

24. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/7 - Proposal by the US Administration to amend the Nomenclature to Chapter 41

25. After some discussion and after it had been explained that the current General Explanatory Note to Chapter 41, on page 777, gave some information vis-à-vis the scope of headings 41.01 to 41.03 on the one hand and that of headings 41.04 to 41.06 on the other, the Sub-Committee agreed to ask the Secretariat to prepare a new document for the next session with a view to improving the relevant parts of the Explanatory Notes, e.g., by clarifying the term "reversible", as used in Note 2 (A) to Chapter 41.
26. With respect to the proposal to replace the expression "hides and skins" in headings 41.04 to 41.06 by the term "leather", some delegates pointed out that there would be major difficulties if the latter terms were to be used, in particular in the French version and in third language versions.
27. Following this clarification, the US Delegate suggested, by way of compromise, to insert the word "leather" in brackets after the word "skins", in the English version only.
28. Since this proposal had been made from the floor, the Chair suggested considering this matter at the next session, based on a new Secretariat document setting out the various options in this respect.

29. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/8 and F/4 - Proposal by the United States Administration to amend the Nomenclature to heading 84.82

30. The Sub-Committee decided to defer any decision on the proposal to split subheading 8482.20 until its next session, in order to give administrations time to complete consultations with their industry.

31. With regard to the new subheadings for parts, the Sub-Committee decided to revisit this issue at its next session in the light of trade data which the Secretariat and the **United States** Administration would endeavour to obtain for these products.
32. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annexes C/9 and F/5 - Proposal by the **United States** Administration to amend the Nomenclature to heading 85.19
33. Recognizing that it would be more appropriate to await the Harmonized System Committee's decision on the classification of MP3 players, the Sub-Committee agreed to continue its examination of the possible new structured nomenclature of heading 85.19 at its next session, on the basis of comments which interested administrations were invited to send the Secretariat.
34. **The Committee is invited to take note of the discussions, particularly in relation to the classification of MP3 players, on which the Committee is being asked to rule (see Agenda Item VIII.14).**
- Annexes C/10 and F/1 - Proposal by the United States Administration to amend certain subheadings of heading 87.08
35. The Sub-Committee approved the proposed subheadings, including in particular the creation of a new subheading 8708.95 for safety airbags.
36. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**
- Annex C/11 - Study of possible amendments to the Nomenclature with regard to the classification of multifunctional digital copiers
37. The Sub-Committee concluded its discussions by agreeing to continue to examine this issue at its next session on the basis of the Secretariat's proposal, which had received substantial support within the Sub-Committee, and proposals from the **US** and the **EC** which, their respective delegates had informed the Sub-Committee, would be submitted to the Secretariat by the beginning of the summer.
38. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annexes C/12 - Study of possible amendments to heading 30.01 with regard to human organs, tissues, etc.
39. Since there was no strong support for the proposed amendments, the Sub-Committee decided not to take further action, maintaining the status quo.
40. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex C/13 - Possible amendment of heading 85.28 to provide separately for satellite television receivers (Proposal by the Egyptian Administration)

41. The Sub-Committee decided to return to this matter at its next session, on the basis of a new written proposal by the US Administration, which would be based on Alternative (1) in the proposal put forward by the Secretariat in the Annex to Doc. NR0223E1, but would also take into account the discussion at the Sub-Committee's 25th Session.

42. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex C/14 - Possible amendment of Chapter 39 to provide separately for hygienic articles of plastics (Proposal by the Egyptian Administration)

43. The Sub-Committee agreed to first request the Harmonized System Committee to clarify the scope of headings 39.22, 39.24 and 39.26, in the context of the possible misalignment of the relevant English and French texts with regard to the use of the terms "hygienic", "toilet" and "sanitary" (see Item IX.17 on Agenda). In this respect, the Chairman requested administrations to submit comments to the Secretariat. The Sub-Committee also agreed, depending on the decision of the Harmonized System Committee, to come back to the Egyptian proposal at a later stage.

44. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex C/15 - Possible amendment of heading 21.06 to specifically mention "food supplements"

45. After having explained her administration's proposal, the Delegate of the Russian Federation concluded that it would be appropriate to classify all preparations containing vitamins and mineral salts in heading 21.06 regardless of the quantity of these substances in such preparations, unless they contained pharmaceutical substances. Several delegates were of the opinion that this proposal was a good starting point for further discussion with regard to the definition and classification of "food supplements". They would therefore take this proposal back to their administrations for further consideration. Other delegates preferred the status quo.

46. After discussion, the Chairman concluded that all proposals were left open for the next meeting of the Sub-Committee. He also invited administrations to look into this matter with their health authorities to see whether there were definitions of "food supplements" outside Customs and to make these definitions available to the Secretariat for possible inclusion in a new document.

47. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/16 and F/7 - Possible amendment of the Nomenclature and Explanatory Notes regarding silicones (Proposal by the US Administration)

48. The Sub-Committee agreed to delete the texts which were placed in square brackets from further consideration.

49. The Sub-Committee also agreed, as suggested by the Secretariat in paragraph 21 of Doc. NR0226E1, not to amend Part (C) of the Explanatory Note to heading 28.04.
50. The EC Delegate agreed with the Sub-Committee's above decisions but indicated that he might come back with a new proposal to improve Part (C) of the Explanatory Note to heading 28.04 as well as the quantitative criteria for various fillers (up to 80 %) as reflected in the Explanatory Note to heading 32.14 at the next session of the Harmonized System Committee.
51. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**
- Annexes C/17 and F/8 - Proposal by the United States Administration to merge headings 95.01 to 95.03 into a single heading for toys
52. The Sub-Committee agreed with the proposal that the first three headings of Chapter 95 be merged to form a single heading for toys, but the text proposed for that heading was placed in square brackets.
53. Where the proposed new Chapter Note was concerned, some delegates indicated that it might duplicate GIR 3 (b), and the Sub-Committee agreed that new Chapter Note 3 should be maintained in square brackets, for re-examination at its next session.
54. Finally, the Sub-Committee decided to return to this question at its next session, and invited Contracting Parties to send the Secretariat their comments as soon as possible, so that a new document could be prepared.
55. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annexes C/18 and F/12 - Proposal by the US Administration to amend the Nomenclature and Explanatory Note to heading 38.21
56. The US Delegate proposed the following new text for heading 38.21 : "Prepared culture media for development of micro-organisms (including viruses and the like) or for the development or maintenance of plant or animal cells". One delegate supported this new proposal. Another delegate preferred the status quo.
57. The Sub-Committee therefore agreed to re-consider this issue at its next session on the basis of the new US proposal, taking into account, in particular, information from administrations on whether the proposal would widen the scope of heading 38.21 and, if so, how.
58. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annexes D/1 and F/9 - Possible amendment of the texts of subheadings 0805.40 and 2009.2 in order to align the French and English versions (Proposal by ALADI)
59. Many delegates were of the view that, since subheadings 0805.40 and 2009.2 had the same scope in English and French under the current wording, there was no need to amend the texts of these subheadings. Furthermore, they were against the idea of inserting scientific names in the subheadings.

60. They were, however, in favour of the Secretariat's proposal to insert the expression "including pomelo" in the English text after "grapefruit" and "grapefruit juice" in these subheadings.
61. Consequently, the Sub-Committee unanimously approved the Secretariat's proposals.
62. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes D/2 and F/2 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature and the Explanatory Notes concerning heading 26.20 (Proposals by the Australian Administration and the Secretariat)

63. Agreeing with the proposals submitted by the Australian Administration and by the Secretariat, the Sub-Committee preferred the Secretariat's proposal for the amendment of the text of heading 26.20.
64. The Sub-Committee also agreed that the comma after the bracketed phrase in the English version of the text of heading 26.20 should be deleted and that exclusion (a) in the English version of the Explanatory Note to heading 75.03 be modified, as proposed by the Secretariat.
65. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes D/3 and F/10 - Possible deletion of subheadings 4823.12 and 4823.19 (Proposal by the Brazilian Administration)

66. The Sub-Committee agreed unanimously with the proposal of the Brazilian Administration to delete subheadings 4823.12 and 4823.19. It also agreed with the suggestion of the Secretariat not to insert a reference to these subheadings in the correlation tables.
67. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annexes D/4 and F/11 - Possible amendments to the structured nomenclature to heading 84.18 (Secretariat proposal)

68. The Sub-Committee adopted the amendments proposed for the texts of subheading 8418.50 (subject to the deletion of the word "food") and subheading 8418.61. It decided to ask the HS Committee to rule on the possible deletion of subheading 8418.22, which covers electrical, household type, absorption-type refrigerators.
69. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee, and to rule on the question of whether or not subheading 8418.22 should be retained.**

Annexe D/6 - Possible amendments to headings 02.03 and 02.10 with regard to hams (Proposal by the Australian Administration)

70. Several delegates agreed with the Australian Administration that the expression “hams”, according to the interpretation found in dictionaries, could have various meanings. However, they were of the view that the legal situation in the HS Nomenclature was quite clear and, accordingly, saw no need to amend the legal texts.

71. The Sub-Committee therefore agreed not to support the Australian proposal and decided not to examine this matter further.

72. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes D/7 and F/13 – Possible amendments to the text of heading 08.02 to provide for macadamia nuts (Proposal by the Australian Administration)

73. The Delegates of Australia and the United States stated that macadamia nuts were broadly traded across the world. The Delegate of Australia informed the Sub-Committee that the international trade volume in macadamia nuts had reached US\$ 190 million. The US Delegate added that imports of these nuts into the United States for the last three years had exceeded US\$ 31 million.

74. Following this discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed to create a new subheading 0802.60 for macadamia nuts.

75. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annex D/8 - Possible amendments to the structured nomenclature to heading 39.20 to provide for banknote substrates of plastics (Proposal by the Australian Administration)

76. The Australian Delegate clarified his administration’s proposal to provide for certain substrates of plastics, indicating that the actual product was a bi-axially oriented polypropylene (BOPP) film which had undergone some further processing (such as a coating process which would not allow the coating to be removed without damaging the basic material).

77. Another delegate indicated that the information available in the working document was not sufficient to support the idea of creating separate provisions for these commodities. He further expressed doubts as to whether the suggested classification (i.e., heading 39.20) was appropriate, and suggested, asking for the HS Committee’s view on this point (see item IX.18 on Agenda).

78. The suggestion to refer the classification question to the Committee was supported by the EC Delegate. However, he favoured, at least for the time being, the status quo, given the fact that (i) the necessary technical information was not available and (ii) the volume of trade was apparently not sufficient to warrant a separate provision for these products. He informed the Sub-Committee that the EC Combined Nomenclature included a separate subdivision for BOPP film, though without any reference to its possible use.

79. In conclusion, the Chairman invited the Australian Administration to provide the Secretariat with the necessary technical information with a view to sending the classification question to the Committee for consideration (see Item IX.18 on Agenda). Based on the Committee's decision on the appropriate classification and on the technical information to be provided by Australia, the Sub-Committee could take up the issue again at its next session. The Sub-Committee agreed with this approach.
80. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annex D/9 - Possible creation of a new Note to Chapter 69 to define the term "refractory" (Proposal by the Australian Administration)
81. The Sub-Committee requested that the Secretariat conduct a study aimed at proposing an appropriate threshold for "refractory" products. This criterion should reconcile commercial practice, technological developments and ISO Standards for ceramic products.
82. The Sub-Committee agreed to re-examine this question at its next meeting on the basis of a new working document together with Contracting Parties' proposals, which they were invited to forward to the Secretariat.
83. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annex D/10 - Possible amendment of the text of subheading 9504.20 (Proposal by the Australian Administration)
84. Several delegates expressed concern about a possible lack of alignment between the French and English texts of subheading 9504.20, and the alternative proposal put forward by the Secretariat, i.e., "Articles and accessories for billiards and similar games" ("Articles et accessoires pour billards et jeux similaires") was not acceptable to the Sub-Committee as a whole.
85. There seemed to be general agreement that the names and descriptions employed for these goods could result in different classifications, depending on which version of the structured nomenclature (English or French) was being used.
86. The Sub-Committee agreed to re-examine this question at its next session, on the basis of a new working document to be prepared by the Secretariat, which would need to study the matter in detail, both from the linguistic standpoint and in respect of the scope of subheading concerned, with the assistance of Contracting Parties and their linguistic experts, who were asked to submit their views on the subject.
87. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annexes D/11 and F/14 - Possible amendment to the structured nomenclature to heading 90.30 (Proposal by the United States Administration)
88. The Sub-Committee unanimously agreed to the proposal to delete the reference to cathode-ray technology in subheading 9030.20.

89. Several delegates expressed concern about the proposal to remove "without a recording device" from the description of subheading 9030.3 and to delete subheading 9030.83 (provisions based on the presence and absence of a recording device) from the Nomenclature, as no statistics were presented to support this amendment.
90. The Sub-Committee agreed to re-examine the proposal to remove "without a recording device" from the description of subheading 9030.3 and to delete subheading 9030.83 at its next session, on the basis of additional statistical information to be supplied by the **US** Administration.
91. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annex D/12- Possible amendment of subheading 8413.20 (Proposal by the **European Community**)
92. The Sub-Committee confirmed that deleting the expression "pompes à bras" and substituting "pompes actionnées à la main" in the French version would not change the scope of subheading 8413.20, and approved unchanged the amendment proposed by the **EC** to align the French text of this subheading on the corresponding English.
93. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**
- Annex D/13 - Possible amendments to the structured nomenclature to headings 73.04 and 73.06 (Proposal by the **European Community**)
94. The Sub-Committee agreed to return to this question at its next session, on the basis of a new working document which would reflect the EC position and the discussions which had taken place.
95. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annex D/14 - Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 84.71 concerning CD drives and DVD drives (Proposal by the **United States Administration**)
96. After a preliminary discussion, the Sub-Committee decided that the question should be re-addressed after the HS Committee had concluded its examination of the classification of DVD drives.
97. Administrations were invited to provide further information to the Secretariat, which will prepare a new document on this question for examination by the Sub-Committee at its next session.
98. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex D/15 - Possible amendments to Note 3 to Chapter 90 and Note 1 (m) to Section XVI (Proposal by the Canadian Administration)

99. The Sub-Committee agreed to revisit this question once it had decided on the regrouping of cameras (see paragraphs 8 and 9 above, concerning Annex C/4), and the classification of multifunctional digital copiers (see paragraphs 21 and 22 concerning Annex C/11).

100. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex E/1 – Possible deletion of certain references to “whales” in the Explanatory Notes

101. The Delegate of Norway indicated that in her administration's view the working document gave a somewhat misleading interpretation of the facts concerning the ban on international commercial trade in whales and whale products. She therefore favoured the status quo with regard to the possible amendment of the HS Explanatory Notes concerning references to whales and whale products. Supporting her view, the Delegate of Japan pointed out that not all of the species of whales and whale products were prohibited from trade by the CITES or the IWC.

102. Another delegate agreed with the Secretariat's view that although the references to whale and whale products in the Explanatory Notes having corresponding references in the legal texts should be retained, the references to whale products in the Explanatory Notes without corresponding references in the legal texts could be reviewed in terms of the volume of trade in such products.

103. Finally, the Sub-Committee agreed to examine this issue at its next session on the basis of a document to be prepared by the Secretariat which would include trade information and a bilingual annex setting out possible amendments for the consideration of the Sub-Committee.

104. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex E/2 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Note to heading 39.26

105. The Sub-Committee agreed to delete this item from its agenda.

106. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes E/3 and F/15 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Note to heading 40.16

107. Some delegates expressed concern about the exact scope of the reference to “pumicing blocks” in proposed new Item (13), since such blocks might be covered by heading 40.08. It was agreed to refer this question to the HS Committee for clarification (see Item IX.19 on Agenda). The other Secretariat proposals were unanimously approved by the Sub-Committee.

108. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**

Annex E/4 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 44

109. The Sub-Committee agreed to postpone discussions on this item till the next session, following the clarification of one delegate that consultations with industry had not yet been concluded.
110. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex E/5 - Possible amendments of the Explanatory Notes to headings 61.03 and 61.04

111. One delegate indicated that he was willing to accept the proposed revision put forward by the Secretariat, subject to a minor amendment to the English version.
112. Other delegations expressed some reservations and asked for an opportunity to examine the texts in more detail before giving their final views on the subject.
113. The Sub-Committee therefore decided to postpone a full examination of this agenda item until the next session.
114. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex E/6 - Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 70.17

115. The Sub-Committee agreed to re-examine this question at its next meeting, on the basis of a new working document in which the proposed amendments would be clearly highlighted.
116. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex E/7 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Note to heading 84.71

117. Due to lack of time, it was agreed that this item should be postponed to the Sub-Committee's next session.
118. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex E/8 - Amendments to the Explanatory Notes to correct shortcomings and to align the English and French versions

119. Due to lack of time, it was agreed that this item should be postponed to the Sub-Committee's next session.
120. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
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