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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES WITH REGARD TO VARIOUS WOMEN'S OR GIRLS' GARMENTS

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Reference documents:

NC0309E1 (HSC/26) NC0340E2, Annex H/5 (HSC/26 – Report) NC0393E1 (HSC/27) NC0413E1 (HSC/27) NC0414E1 (HSC/27)

I. BACKGROUND

 After the preparation of Doc. NC0393E1, the Secretariat received a note from the Russian Administration, extracts of which are reproduced below, concerning criteria for distinguishing between the articles of headings 61.14 and 62.12.

II. NOTE FROM THE RUSSIAN ADMINISTRATION

- 2. "... According to the Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language Unabridged, the term "brassiere" denotes "a women's close-fitting undergarment having cups for bust support, varying in width from a band to a waist length bodice, made with or without straps, and often boned or wired for additional support or separation; also an adaptation of this garment for sportswear".
- 3. Taking commodity research principles into account, brassieres are referred to corset goods. Corset goods intend to form and support certain body parts. Articles of this group must fit closely to a figure, hide it's defects and impart slenderness."

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III. CONCLUSION

4. The Committee is invited to take note of the Russian Administration's comments when examining this Agenda Item.