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POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO CHAPTER 48 TO CLARIFY THE CLASSIFICATION OF SO-CALLED "PHOTO-COPYING PAPER" (PROPOSAL BY THE EGYPTIAN ADMINISTRATION)

(Item VIII.7 on Agenda)

Reference documents:

NC0488E1 (HSC/28) NC0510E2, Annex H/7 (HSC/28 – Report)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 28th Session, the Committee decided to postpone discussion of this issue to the next session, thus leaving administrations time for further consultations with their industry concerning the proposed wording.

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

- 2. At the time of preparing this document, the Secretariat has not yet received comments or observations from administrations. The Secretariat would, therefore, simply refer back to Doc. NC0488E1 (HSC/28).
- 3. Having said this, the Secretariat would like to remind delegations that certain references in the Annex to Doc. NC0488E1 had been placed in square brackets, pending the publication of the HS 2002 Explanatory Notes. Since these Explanatory Notes are now available, the Secretariat would like to replace the references in the said annex as follows:
 - (i) Delete "Page [740]. Heading 48.02. [Second] paragraph. Item (B) (5)." and substitute "Page 875. Heading 48.02. Fifth paragraph. Item (B) (5)."; and
 - (ii) Delete "Page [748]. Heading 48.10. [Second] paragraph. Second line." and substitute "Page 884. Heading 48.10. Second paragraph. Second line.".

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III. CONCLUSION

4. The Committee is invited to examine the proposed amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 48.02 and 48.10, as set out in the Annex to Doc. NC0488E1 (HSC/28), taking into account the observations of the Secretariat in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.