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1. The Committee is invited to examine the following conclusions reached by the HS Review Committee at its 26<sup>th</sup> Session in September 2002.

Annex B/1 – Reports on the meetings of the Policy Commission (47<sup>th</sup> Session) and the Council (99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Sessions)

2. The Director informed the Sub-Committee that discussions were now underway with the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) concerning the use of Spanish as a working language for the Harmonized System. The Secretariat hoped to soon establish a similar system for Spanish as that being used for the Russian language. He also noted that the Council had agreed that reports should only be read at the end of meetings in the case of a limited number of working bodies, including the Harmonized System Committee and its Working Party, but not including the Review Sub-Committee or the Scientific Sub-Committee. Finally, he informed the Sub-Committee that the Secretariat was now in the process of setting up a High Level Working Group to examine certain procedural matters with regard to the Harmonized System.

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

Annex B/2 – Decisions taken by the Harmonized System Committee at its 29<sup>th</sup> Session affecting the work of the Review Sub-Committee

4. The Chairperson briefly summarised the decisions taken by the HSC at its 29<sup>th</sup> Session and the pending questions affecting the work of the RSC.

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

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Annex B/3 – Possible deletion of headings/subheadings with a small volume of trade

6. A number of delegations indicated that certain subheadings should be retained, due to (i) the particular interest of their respective countries in these subheadings or (ii) the growth in the volume of trade during more recent years. The Director stressed that it was important to delete headings and subheadings with a low volume of trade to the extent possible in order to keep the Harmonized System manageable. The process of considering the deletion or retention of relevant headings and subheadings was a continuous one, the final decision being taken at the last session of the Review Sub-Committee during this review cycle. With respect to the possible retention of headings or subheadings with a small volume of trade, he invited administrations to submit the necessary information to the Secretariat in due time. On the basis of this information, the Secretariat would prepare an updated version of the document for a future session of the Sub-Committee.

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

Annexes C/1 and F/7 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature regarding the classification of waffles

8. Two clearly different views were expressed as to the usefulness of possible legal text amendments with regard to waffles. Certain delegates were of the opinion that it was not necessary to define waffles in a legal Note or in a subheading text. They were of the opinion that all waffles should be classified together in the same subheading, regardless of their water content. Certain other delegates, however, wanted to have a legal definition for waffles in the HS Nomenclature in order to achieve a world-wide uniform classification practice for such products. Notwithstanding the different views, the Sub-Committee managed to find a compromise, which includes separate subheadings for waffles with a water content not exceeding [20] percent and waffles with a water content exceeding [20] percent. The Sub-Committee agreed to return to this question at its next session, after having once more consulted the industry.

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

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

10. The **EC** Delegate was of the opinion that the present legal situation with regard to such products was not good. It was therefore extremely important that the Sub-Committee agree on a legal definition for sauces, securing the world-wide uniform classification of such products, thereby ensuring legal security. The European industry was working on a proposal which he hoped to submit in the near future. Another delegate was of the opinion that legal amendments were not necessary. He was of the opinion that improving the Explanatory Notes was a better idea in this regard. The Chairperson concluded that these arguments were the same arguments that had been used before and took note of the fact that discussions with the industry and between administrations were continuing with regard to this matter. He invited administrations to submit new ideas to the Secretariat in order to make some progress on this issue at the Sub-Committee's next session.

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

Annexes C/3 – Possible amendment of heading 21.06 to specifically mention “food supplements”

12. After some discussion, the Chairperson called attention to the fact that this item had been on the agenda for several sessions, and that the Sub-Committee had not been able to make any real progress. He therefore asked if the Sub-Committee could indicate whether it was worthwhile to study this issue further. Responding to this question, the Sub-Committee finally reached a consensus not to pursue the study of this issue during this review cycle.

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

Annex C/4 – Possible amendments to the Nomenclature and Explanatory Notes to Chapter 24

14. After some discussion, the Chairperson called attention to the fact that this item had been on the agenda for several sessions, and that the Sub-Committee had not been able to agree on proper criteria for these products. He therefore asked if the Sub-Committee could indicate whether it was worthwhile to study this item further. Responding to this question, the Sub-Committee finally reached a consensus not to pursue the study of this issue during this review cycle.

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

Annexes C/5 and F/1 - Possible amendment of Part (C) of the Explanatory Note to heading 28.04

16. Subject to some minor amendments, the Sub-Committee approved the texts proposed in the Annex to Doc. NR0275E1.

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

Annexes C/6 and F/6 - Proposal by the US Administration to amend the Nomenclature and Explanatory Note to heading 38.21

18. The Chairperson explained the four options with respect to the proposed amendments to heading 38.21 set out in Annex II to Doc. NR0276B1, and invited delegates to indicate their preference among the four options. After some discussion, the Director proposed that the Review Sub-Committee should ask the Scientific Sub-Committee to examine what kind of products would be transferred to new heading 38.21 from other headings.

19. The Sub-Committee chose Options 1, 3 and 4 as possible options for the amendment of heading 38.21. It agreed to send this item back to the Scientific Sub-Committee with a view to clarifying the transfers to heading 38.21 under Options 1, 3 and 4, while noting that the status quo (no amendment) still remained as one of the options with regard to this question.

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

Annex C/7 - Possible amendments to the structured nomenclature to heading 39.20 to provide for banknote substrates of plastics (Proposal by the Australian Administration)

21. The Delegate of **Australia** explained that due to the nature of the product at issue and the associated security considerations, the amount of information available was limited.
22. After some discussion, the Chairperson concluded that more information on the volume of trade with regard to these types of goods would be necessary. The Delegate of **Australia** informed the Sub-Committee that her administration was prepared to redraft the proposed wording trying to avoid the end-use criteria and to come up with a new text. Finally, the Sub-Committee agreed that it could come back to the issue at its next session on the basis of further information and proposals, if any, from the **Australian** Administration.

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

Annexes C/8 and F/8 - Proposal by the **US** Administration to amend the Nomenclature to Chapter 41

24. The Sub-Committee felt that Note 2 (A) to Chapter 41 should remain unchanged. With regard to the proposal to insert a reference to "leather" in headings 41.04 to 41.06, opinions were divided. The Sub-Committee therefore decided to submit two options to the Harmonized System Committee for decision : Option 1 being to maintain the status quo and Option 2 being to insert the reference to "leather" in parentheses as mentioned in paragraph 18 of Doc. NR0278E1.
25. As for the amendments to the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 41, the Sub-Committee decided to consider this issue at its next session on the basis of a new document, which should reflect several options.

26. **The Committee is invited to rule on whether or not the reference to "leather" in parentheses should be inserted in headings 41.04 to 41.06 as set out in Annex F/8. The Committee is also invited to take note of the situation with regard to the Explanatory Notes.**

Annexes C/9 and F/2 - Possible amendments to the structured nomenclature to headings 73.04 and 73.06 (Proposal by the **EC**)

27. The Sub-Committee agreed to re-examine the **EC** proposal relating to headings 73.04 and 73.06 at its next session, as well as the **Canadian** proposal discussed during the meeting. The Sub-Committee also agreed to proceed with the subdivision of heading 73.05.
28. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes C/10 and F/3 - Possible amendments to the structured nomenclature to heading 84.18

29. The Sub-Committee agreed to align the two versions of the proposed text for subheading 8418.50. It deleted in the English text the words "refrigerating or freezing" and the terms "for example" as well as "and" within the bracketed text and inserted the expression "and the like" after the list in brackets.

30. Following these amendments, the Sub-Committee approved the text proposed by the Secretariat for subheading 8418.50.
31. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the new wording of this text does not entail any transfer of goods.
32. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**
- Annexes C/11 and F/4 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature and Explanatory Note to heading 84.42 and related provisions to the Nomenclature with regard to the classification of multifunctional digital copiers
33. The Sub-Committee agreed to (1) retain the reference to lithographic stones in the legal text and Explanatory Note to heading 84.42 and (2) delete the reference to machines for embossing sheets of metal, plastics, etc., for use on addressing machines found in exclusion (k) on page 1506 of the Explanatory Notes.
34. Regarding the reference to contact printers (English version, page 1505, last paragraph), the Sub-Committee agreed to the combining of the last sentence of the last paragraph of page 1505 with the first paragraph of page 1506, item (a), while, at the same time, deleting the reference to item (b).
35. In addition, the Secretariat was instructed to prepare an alignment of the two texts, English on the French and French on the English, for consideration by the Harmonized System Committee under the Article 8 procedure.
36. Regarding the inclusion in the Explanatory Notes of an explanation of sheet-fed presses, the Sub-Committee invited the Japanese Administration to submit a formal proposal to the Secretariat for examination by the RSC.
37. Subject to the foregoing, the Sub-Committee approved the draft texts.
38. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the new wording of these texts does not entail any transfer of goods.
39. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**
- Annex C/12 - Proposal by the US Administration to amend the structured nomenclature to heading 84.82
40. Noting that there was little support, the Sub-Committee concluded, with the agreement of the US Delegation, not to continue examining this question and not to amend the structured nomenclature to heading 84.82.
41. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annex C/13 - Amendment of the Explanatory Notes to clarify the classification of DVD drives, standalone DVD players and game players

42. Given that the classification decision taken by the HSC for game players at its 29<sup>th</sup> Session was still subject to a reservation, the Sub-Committee decided to postpone the discussion of this item until its next session. To ensure consistency, all the texts relating to DVD drives, standalone DVD players and game players should be examined together.

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

Annexes C/14 and F/9 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature in order to update the terminology of certain products and to delete obsolete items

44. With regard to heading 85.20, the Sub-Committee agreed to examine the restructured Secretariat proposal, which was best suited to reflecting technological developments in the field of sound recording, taking into consideration that the new structure of heading 85.20 should be aligned on the structures of headings 85.19, 85.23 and 85.24. The Sub-Committee also agreed to delete the proposed one-dash subheading (8520.30) covering pocket-size apparatus and study the possibility of giving separate status to pocket-size apparatus at the two-dash subheading level.

45. It also agreed to create five one-dash subheadings for :

- a) telephone answering machines (8520.20);
- (b) apparatus for recording sound onto optical media (8520.30);
- (c) apparatus for recording sound onto magnetic media (8520.4);
- (d) sound recording apparatus with built-in or interchangeable memory (8520.50);
- (e) other sound recording apparatus.

46. The Sub-Committee agreed to return to this question at the next session (texts of subheadings and the subdivisions) on the basis of proposals to be submitted by administrations in writing.

47. With regard to heading 85.24, the Sub-Committee agreed to examine the proposal by Switzerland, as amended by the Secretariat.

48. The Sub-Committee finally agreed to re-examine this question at its next session on the basis of the proposal by Switzerland, as amended by the Secretariat, in the light of the comments expressed during the discussion and possible observations from administrations.

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

Annexes C/15 and F/5 - Proposal by the **US** Administration to amend the Nomenclature to heading 85.19

50. As regards subheading 8519.10, the Sub-Committee decided to keep the expression "juke-boxes" and not to retain the term "électrophones" in the French version. The Sub-

Committee also deleted the word "other" in the phrase "other similar articles" and the term "(paper currency)" from the English text of this subheading.

51. Regarding proposed subheading 8519.5, the Sub-Committee agreed to re-examine this question at its next session on the basis of a new document which should take account of observations from administrations.

52. Concerning subheading 8519.60, the Sub-Committee decided to delete the term "record-players" and did not adopt the proposal that a new subheading (subheading 8519.80) be created for "combinations of two or more sound reproducing apparatus in a single housing".

53. The Sub-Committee, rejected the proposal that subheading 8519.70 be subdivided and agreed to retain the expression "magnetic tape players" on a provisional basis.

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

Annex C/16 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature regarding the classification of cameras

55. The Sub-Committee agreed to first discuss the broader scope of the information technology Chapters on the basis of the **EC, US** and other proposals and then to continue its study of the regrouping of all cameras in one heading within the overall context of this question.

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

Annexes C/17 and F/10 - Possible amendment of heading 85.28 to provide separately for satellite television receivers (Proposal by the Egyptian Administration)

57. The Sub-Committee agreed to cover satellite television receivers in a two-dash subheading under subheading 8528.1, which covers reception apparatus for television.

58. The Sub-Committee then agreed to create three two-dash subheadings under subheading 8528.1 to cover, respectively :

- (a) reception apparatus for television not designed to incorporate a video display or screen;
- (b) other colour television reception apparatus;
- (c) other black and white or other monochrome television reception apparatus.

59. It was also decided to provide a subheading Explanatory Note clearly and precisely defining satellite television receivers, so as to distinguish them from other receivers.

60. Finally, the Sub-Committee agreed to return to this question at its next session on the basis of the comments made during the discussions and the views expressed during the February 2003 Working Group on the review of the high technology Chapters.

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

Annexes C/18 and F/11 - Study of possible amendments to the Nomenclature with regard to the classification of multifunctional digital copiers

62. The Sub-Committee agreed to continue to examine this issue on the basis of the **EC** and **Japanese** proposals, as well as the Secretariat's "Option 2" proposal and the **US** proposal. The Sub-Committee also agreed that the Working Group would also examine these proposals in February 2003.

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

Annex C/19 - Possible amendments to the structured nomenclature to heading 90.30 (Proposal by the **US** Administration)

64. The Sub-Committee agreed to retain subheading 9030.83 and accepted, as a compromise, the Chairperson's proposal to delete the phrase "without a recording device" from subheading 9030.3.

65. The Sub-Committee concluded discussions on this agenda item by agreeing that the **US** Administration, based on the aforementioned discussion, would reconsider its proposal for the next session of the RSC.

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

Annexes C/20 and F/12 - Proposal by the **US** Administration to merge headings 95.01 to 95.03 into a single heading for toys

67. The Sub-Committee unanimously confirmed that it was not its intention to change the scope of this new heading, and agreed to work on the basis of the latest proposal by the **United States**. The Sub-Committee also agreed to move "other toys" back to its original position, and placed the expressions "designed to be ridden by children", "not elsewhere specified or included" and "recreational" in square brackets.

68. The Sub-Committee also agreed to re-examine this question at its next session and agreed to place proposed Note 3, as presented by the **United States**, in square brackets. Administrations were invited to send the Secretariat their views on the matter so that a new working document could be prepared.

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

Annexes C/21 and F/13 - Possible amendment of the text of subheading 9504.20 (Proposal by the **Australian** Administration)

70. The Sub-Committee approved the new wording proposed by the Secretariat subject to deleting "and similar games" and substituting "of all kinds" in the English text.

71. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the new wording of this text does not entail any transfer of goods.

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



Annex D/1 - Possible amendments to the structured nomenclature to heading 29.41 and the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 29 (Proposal by the Mexican Administration).

73. Several delegates agreed that the Scientific Sub-Committee should be consulted with respect to the Mexican proposal to amend the structure of heading 29.41 and to insert definitions for “derivatives” and “structural analogues”.
74. The following questions were therefore addressed to the Scientific Sub-Committee to assist the Review Sub-Committee in its further decision making process :
- (i) Would it be beneficial to insert a reference to “structural analogues” in the subheadings of heading 29.41, and if so which;
  - (ii) If a reference to structural analogues were added to any of the subheadings of heading 29.41, could a list be drawn up with typical examples of products which would be transferred to the subheading(s) involved;
  - (iii) Should the biological activity of a structural analogue or derivative of a particular antibiotic be the same as, or similar to a certain extent, to that of the parent compound of the same subheading;
  - (iv) Should the terms “derivatives” and “structural analogues” be defined in the Explanatory Notes to sub-Chapter XIII of Chapter 29;
  - (v) If so, should these definitions be introduced at the sub-Chapter level as a general definition or should they be introduced at the heading or subheading level, taking into account the characteristics of the various chemicals;
  - (vi) Should the definition for derivatives be based on current descriptions or should other criteria be added.

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

Annexes D/2 and F/15 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature and the Explanatory Notes regarding the classification of flash electronic storage cards

76. The Sub-Committee agreed to place all the proposed texts in square brackets, in order to re-examine them in the light of subsequent developments concerning the revision of Chapter 85.

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

Annex D/3 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature and the Explanatory Notes regarding the classification of controller units for anti-lock braking systems (ABS) (Proposal by the Australian Administration)

78. The Sub-Committee agreed that the Australian Administration should re-examine its proposal during the intersession with a view to possibly reworking the proposal to broaden its scope, taking into account the comments made by delegates during the discussion of this agenda item.

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

Annexes D/4 and F/16 - Possible amendments to the structured nomenclature to heading 38.24 (Proposal by UNEP).

80. The Sub-Committee agreed that the proposal reproduced in the Annex to Doc. NR0322E1 should be sent to the Scientific Sub-Committee for examination together with the following questions :

- (i) Whether the chemical nomenclature of the proposed texts was acceptable from the technical point of view;
- (ii) Whether it would be more beneficial to refer to generic names of chemicals or to abbreviations, or to use both in the proposed text;
- (iii) Whether the term "derivatives of" should be used in proposed subheadings 3824.71 to 3824.73;
- (iv) Whether it would be possible to combine certain of the proposed subheadings as one new subheading, based on the phase-out schedule of chemicals in the Montreal Protocol, for the sake of simplicity;
- (v) Whether the texts, as proposed, could be administered by Customs administrations;
- (vi) Whether it would be possible to identify and to analyse the commodities covered by proposed separate subheadings in Customs laboratories and to suggest analytical methods suitable for this purpose.

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

Annex D/5 - Possible amendments to Chapters 84, 85, 90 and 95 concerning information technology products (Proposal by the EC).

82. With regard to this question, it has been agreed that a Working Group would study this question in February 2003 and that the Secretariat would prepare a comprehensive document, setting up an outline for the discussions.

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

Annexes D/6 and F/17 to F/19 – Possible amendments to the Nomenclature and the Explanatory Notes to correct certain texts and to align the English and French versions (Proposal by the Secretariat)

84. The Sub-Committee accepted unanimously, the amendments proposed in Annexes I and III to the working document.

85. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the amendments of these texts do not entail any transfer of goods.

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

87. With respect to the amendments proposed in Annex II to the document (i.e., amendments to the Explanatory Notes only), the Chairperson proposed, after some discussion, that the Sub-Committee discuss the proposals again at its next session, on the basis of a new document to be prepared by the Secretariat, which would include a clarification or justification of the proposed amendments. He requested interested administrations to submit their comments on the basis of that new document before the start of the next session.
88. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annexes D/7 and F/20 - Possible amendments to the Nomenclature with regard to the classification of apparatus for transmission or reception of voice, data or images (Proposal by the US Administration)
89. The Sub-Committee concluded the discussions on this item by placing the US proposal for a new heading to cover transmission and reception apparatus in square brackets.
90. The Sub-Committee also took note of the fact that the US Administration might put forward a new, revised proposal, for examination by the Working Group which was scheduled to meet in February 2003.
91. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annexes D/8 and F/21 - Possible modification of heading 85.42 and Note 5 (B) to Chapter 85 (Proposal by the US Administration)
92. The Sub-Committee agreed to place the entire proposal in square brackets and to forward it to the February Working Group for study.
93. **The Committee is invited to take note.**
- Annexes D/9 and F/14 - Possible amendments to subheadings 2306.10 to 2306.30 (Proposal by the EC)
94. The Sub-Committee unanimously approved the texts set out in the Annex to Doc. NR0327E1.
95. The Secretariat is of the opinion that the alignment of these texts do not entail any transfer of goods.
96. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee.**
- Annex D/10 - Possible alignment of the French and English texts of Note 9 to Chapter 71 (Proposal by the EC).
97. The Sub-Committee agreed to defer this matter to its next session, to give administrations an opportunity to carry out further checks and consult their trade.
98. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes E/1 and F/22 - Possible deletion of certain references to “whales” in the Explanatory Notes

99. The Chairperson, referring to paragraphs 7 to 13 of the working document, noted that all of the references to whales and whale products could be categorised into three types, i.e., Types I to III, and asked the Sub-Committee for its views on the possible deletion of the three types of references from the Explanatory Notes.
100. With respect to the Type I references, the Sub-Committee reaffirmed that if references to whales or whale products in the Explanatory Notes related to products mentioned in the corresponding legal texts, these references should be retained.
101. With respect to Type III references, the Sub-Committee agreed to delete the reference to whalebone in headings 62.12 (English only) and 96.03 since the use of whalebone was obsolete with regard to the products falling into these headings.
102. As regards Type II references, the Delegate of **Japan** stated that there was no justification for deleting those references and therefore argued that they should be retained in the Explanatory Notes. With respect to whale catchers of heading 89.02, he noted that such vessels did exist in world trade. The Delegate of **Norway** also stated that her industry had been manufacturing the vessels and exporting them and she preferred to retain the reference. Two other delegates also supported these views and favoured the status quo with respect to all the products listed as Type II.
103. On the other hand, noting that the references with respect to Type II products had no corresponding references in the legal texts, one delegate was of a view that it was logical to take a consistent approach with the CITES and IWC conventions and proposed to delete the references to whales, subject to certain modifications with regard to the relevant parts of the Explanatory Notes.
104. Since opinions were divided, the Sub-Committee agreed to place the Type II texts in square brackets and asked the HS Committee to rule on this issue at the next session.
105. **The Committee is invited to provisionally adopt the texts approved by the Sub-Committee, as well as to decide on the texts left in square brackets.**

Annexes E/2 and F/23 - Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 29.37

106. Taking into account the fact that the proposal was drafted in line with previous conclusions of the Scientific Sub-Committee and given the technical nature of the matter, the Review Sub-Committee unanimously agreed to refer this question to the Scientific Sub-Committee, asking it to examine whether the proposed amendments are technically correct.
107. **The Committee is invited to take note.**

Annexes E/3 and F/24 - Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 29.35

108. The Delegate of **Canada** informed the Sub-Committee that his administration was still studying the matter and it would submit further written comments once its study had been

concluded. He therefore asked to postpone consideration of this agenda item. The Sub-Committee agreed to postpone a full examination of this agenda item until the next session.

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

Annexes E/4 and F/25 - Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 29.41

110. Given the technical nature of the proposal, the Sub-Committee agreed to submit the matter to the Scientific Sub-Committee for examination.

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

Annexes E/5 and F/26 – Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 30.02

112. The Sub-Committee agreed to ask the Scientific Sub-Committee, whether it could recommend any other substance suitable to be used as an example in connection with the proposed text, in addition to leridistim.

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

Annexes E/6 and F/27 - Possible amendment of the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 44

114. At the suggestion of one delegate, the Sub-Committee agreed not to insert the proposed new second paragraph of the Explanatory Note to heading 44.16, given the nature of the goods of that heading.

115. Following this deletion, the Sub-Committee unanimously accepted the other proposed amendments, subject to some minor corrections to align both language versions.

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

Annex E/7 - Possible amendment of the Explanatory Notes to headings 61.03 and 61.04

117. The Sub-Committee agreed to accept the proposed amendments to heading 61.03, subject to the addition in the third paragraph of part (A) of the French version of a reference to “two pairs of trousers”, which, moreover, constituted an alignment on the English version.

118. The Sub-Committee agreed to return to this question at the next session, on the basis of a new document prepared by the Secretariat, taking into account the apparent lack of alignment between the two versions.

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

Annexes E/8 and F/28 - Possible amendment to the Explanatory Note to heading 70.17

120. The Sub-Committee unanimously agreed to approve the draft texts deleting the square brackets around the terms “spools and reels.

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

Annex E/9 - Possible amendment of the Explanatory Note to heading 84.71

122. The Sub-Committee agreed to maintain this issue on its agenda, subject to the receipt of written comments from the **United States** or other interested administrations.

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

Annexes E/10 and F/29 - Amendments to the Explanatory Notes to correct shortcomings and to align the English and French versions

124. The Sub-Committee approved the proposed amendments relating to headings 32.10, 32.14, 38.03 and 85.14 as well as to the General Explanatory Note to Chapter 63 and the text of Note 5 to Chapter 97 reproduced in the Explanatory Notes to that Chapter.

125. With regard to the proposed amendment of heading 59.10, the Sub-Committee decided to align the English text on the French by adding a reference to Section XVI in the English version.

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

Annex E/11 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 84.01 to 84.31

127. The Sub-Committee agreed to continue discussions on this agenda item at its next session on basis of the comments made during the discussions and comments from administrations.

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

Annex E/12 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 84.32 to 84.73

129. The Sub-Committee agreed to continue discussions on this agenda item at its next session on basis of the comments made during the discussions and comments from administrations.

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

Annex E/13 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 84.74 to 84.85

131. The Sub-Committee agreed to continue discussions on this agenda item at its next session on basis of the comments made during the discussions and comments from administrations.

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

Annex E/14 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 85.01 to 85.09

133. The Sub-Committee agreed to continue discussions on this agenda item at its next session on basis of the comments made during the discussions and comments from administrations.

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

Annex E/15 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 85.10 to 85.22

135. The Sub-Committee agreed to continue discussions on this agenda item at its next session on basis of the comments made during the discussions and comments from administrations.

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

Annex E/16 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 85.23 to 85.48

137. The Sub-Committee agreed to continue discussions on this agenda item at its next session on basis of the comments made during the discussions and comments from administrations.

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

Annex E/17 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to Chapter 87

139. The Sub-Committee agreed to continue discussions on this agenda item at its next session on basis of the comments made during the discussions and comments from administrations.

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

Annex E/18 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 90.01 to 90.10

141. The Sub-Committee agreed to continue discussions on this agenda item at its next session on basis of the comments made during the discussions and comments from administrations.

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

Annex E/19 - Possible amendments to the Explanatory Notes to headings 90.11 to 90.33

143. The Sub-Committee agreed to continue discussions on this agenda item at its next session on basis of the comments made during the discussions and comments from administrations.

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

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