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I. Legal basis

Council Decision of 27 June 1974 on the setting up of an Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work (extracts):

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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The Committee shall have the task of assisting the Commission in the preparation and implementation of activities in the fields of safety, hygiene and health protection at work ...

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1. The Committee shall produce an annual report on its activities.
2. The Commission shall forward that report to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community".

II. General remarks

A) Membership of the Committee

1. For a list of members see OJ C237 of 21 September 1990 which contains appointments for the period 26 March 1990 to 25 March 1993.
2. Individual changes:
  - Mr Nuyts, B, member of the Government Representatives' Group, replaced by Mr W. Zuallaert.
  - Mr De Greve, B, member of the Government Representatives' Group, replaced by Mr Hublet.
  - Mr Cajot, B, alternate member of the Government Representatives' Group, replaced by Mr Rzonzef.
  - Mr Bormans, B, alternate member of the Employers' Group, replaced by Mr De Lange.

- Mr Schuster, L, member of the Government Representatives' Group, replaced by Mr Weber.
- Mr Allue Buiza, E, member of the Government Representatives' Group, replaced by Mr Garcia Osma.
- Mr Benn, UK, alternate member of the Employers' Group, replaced by Mrs Asherson.
- Mr Tumulty, IRL, alternate member of the Employers' Group, replaced by Mr Cassidy.
- Mr O'Connor, IRL, member of the Employers' Group, replaced by Mr Tumulty.
- Mr Tsitsas, GR, member of the Workers' Group, replaced by Mr Hatzis.
- Mr Geranios, GR, alternate member of the Workers' Group, replaced by Mr Politis.
- Mr Christodoulou, GR, alternate member of the Workers' Group, replaced by Mr Papadopoulos.
- Mr Polyogopoulos, GR, alternate member of the Workers' Group, replaced by Mr Banoutsos.
- Mr Coyle, UK, alternate member of the Workers' Group, replaced by Mr Bibbings.

B) Structure

- The ad-hoc groups carried on their work (see Annex B.. for the organization of the 1990 ad-hoc groups).
- The Organization Group held four meetings during the year:
  - \* 4/1/90
  - \* 4/4/90
  - \* 27/6/90
  - \* 10/10/90

C) Number of meetings and number of meeting days 1978/1990

(See tables below)

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### III. Activities

#### A) Opinions delivered

1. Organisation of the European Year of Safety, Hygiene and Health at Work (Doc. 2385/90);
2. Proposal for a Directive on general product safety (Doc. 2106/90);
3. Proposal for a Directive on information on chemical substances (Docs. 2115/90, 6304/90, 6110/90);
4. Proposal for a Directive on safety signs (Docs. 6110/89, 2109/90);
5. Proposal for a Directive on limit values (Docs. 2119/90, 2112/90);
6. Proposal for a Directive on standardization (Doc. 2108/90);
7. Proposal for a Directive on the protection of pregnant women (Docs. 2461/90, 2617/90, 2628/90, 2635/90, 3493/90);
8. European Agency for Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work (Docs. 2213/90, 2537/90);
9. Proposal for a Directive on passenger lifts (Doc. 2118/90);
10. Proposal for a Directive on defective services (Docs. 2531/90, XI/403 and XI/404).

#### B) Activities of the ad-hoc groups

1. Ad-hoc group "Equipment for use in explosive atmospheres".
2. Ad-hoc group "Transport for the disabled".

#### C) Other activities

1. Meetings of the Organisation Group.

A) Opinions delivered

1. Organization of the European Year of Safety, Hygiene and Health at Work

The Committee adopted a draft opinion and a proposal for a Council Decision which would serve as the basis for the final Decision. It also stressed that this was the first time that employers and workers had been involved in the organization of a European Year right from the start. Comments were made by the various interest groups listed in document 2385/90.

2. Proposal for a Directive on general product safety

The Committee adopted the draft opinion contained in document 2106/90.

The Workers' Group regretted that the Committee had not been properly consulted and was of the opinion that the movement of products in Europe should not be based on a 1985 Directive.

The Employers' Group pointed out that it was important to differentiate between Directives based on Article 100a - Civil product liability - and 118a - Problems of prevention.

3. Proposal for a Directive on information on chemical substances (Docs. 2115/90, 6304/90, 6110/90)

The Committee gave its opinion on the basis of proposals drawn up by the ad-hoc group (Doc. 2115/90).

Comments were made by the various interest groups, in particular the Employers' Group, which wanted a distinction to be made between the Directive based on Article 100a relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations, which provides for the establishment of a special product safety information system, and the other based on Article 118a, which provides for protective measures to improve the safety, hygiene and health of workers at work. The Workers' Group was surprised that information of consumers took precedence over information of workers.



4. Proposal for a Directive on safety signs (Docs. 6110/89, 2109/90)

The Committee adopted an opinion (Doc. 2109/90) on the proposal for a Directive. This stipulated that safety signs should be a supplementary safety measure at work and that the provisions of the previous Directive on safety signs should be retained.

The various interest groups made several comments, a common concern being the excessive number of signboards.

5. Proposal for a Directive on limit values (Docs. 2119/90, 2112/90)

On the basis of the draft opinion (Doc. 2119/90) drawn up by the ad-hoc group, the plenary Committee delivered an opinion accompanied by observations from the interest groups which were chiefly concerned with the need to give special coverage to products which might be harmful to the skin.

The Employers' Group stressed that the draft opinion covered only the 28 substances contained in the proposal for a Directive.

6. Proposal for a Directive on standardization (Doc. 2108/90)

The Committee adopted a draft opinion on standardization and on the work of CEN/CENELEC in particular. The Commission should provide better information on the work of CEN/CENELEC by giving a clear, comprehensible account of it in documents drawn up for the purpose which were understandable to all Committee members. It was also important that the mandates conferred on CEN by the Commission should be as detailed as possible.

7. Proposal for a Directive on the protection of pregnant women (Docs. 2461/90, 2617/90, 2628/90, 2635/90, 3493/90)

The Committee adopted a draft opinion based on document 3493/90 drawn up by the ad-hoc group. The opinion was accompanied by comments from the interest groups.

The Workers' Group considered that the proposal for a Directive failed to tackle several problems, such as:

- the problem of the reproductive functions of men and women;
- total protection of nursing mothers against chemical substances;

- adaptation of the workstation if possible, or transfer to another one;
- level of pay;
- 16-week period of leave.

The Employers' Group pointed out that the proposal for a Directive dealt with problems outside the scope of health and safety, which posed problems with regard to the legal basis.

The Government Representatives' Group expressed reservations concerning the use of Article 118a as the legal basis for the proposal for a Directive.

8. European Agency for Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work (Docs. 2213/90, 2537/90)

The Committee adopted a draft opinion on the creation of a European Agency. The various interest groups placed particular emphasis on the following points:

- the Agency must not be a labour inspectorate;
- the Agency must be able to check the implementation of European Directives;
- the Agency must have a tripartite organizational structure;
- duplication of the work of the Dublin Foundation must be avoided;
- the Agency should be responsible for coordinating research and the collection of information;
- the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work must be involved in the running of the Agency.

9. Proposal for a Directive on passenger lifts (Doc. 2118/90)

The Committee adopted a draft opinion (Doc. 2118/90) based on DG III's proposal for a Directive (Doc. III/8197/89).

The Employers' Group requested that the following should remain within the scope of the Directive on machinery:

- lifting equipment (operators);
- lifting equipment which is also a workstation;
- small industrial lifting appliances.

10. Proposal for a Directive on defective services (Docs. 2531/90, XI/403 and XI/404)

The Committee adopted a draft opinion (Doc. 2531/90), but pointed out that the proposal for a Directive was not aimed directly at preventing occupational risks incurred by workers. However, it could have an indirect effect on workers' productivity since it led to improved quality of services.

B) Activities of the ad-hoc groups

1) Ad-hoc group on equipment for use in explosive atmospheres

The ad-hoc group met for the first time in 1990 and examined a DG III working document on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to installations and components and protection systems for use in explosive atmospheres. The document on which this initial meeting was based would be amended by DG III's departments. The new version should be available at the beginning of 1991, when the group would resume work.

2) Ad-hoc group on transport for the disabled

It emerged from the work of the ad-hoc group, whose conclusions are contained in Doc. 3492/90, that the legal basis (Article 118a of the Treaty) does not seem to be the most appropriate. Technical aspects (e.g. access of means of transport) should be dealt with under Article 100.

C) Other activities

Meeting of the Organization Group

The Organization Group held four meetings in 1990 under the Spanish Presidency for the first half of the year and the Italian Presidency for the second. It heard the reports of the chairmen of each ad-hoc group, examined proposals for new ad-hoc groups and on this basis drew up the agenda for the plenary meetings of 1990.

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- A) LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SAFETY,  
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- B) LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS AD-HOC GROUPS
- C) LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION GROUP

## I

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## COUNCIL

**List of full and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work***(for the period 26 March 1990 to 25 March 1993)*

following the Decision of the Council of the European Communities on 26 March 1990

(90/C 237/01)

**I. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES***(a) Members*

Belgium	Mr R. NUYTS	Mr J. DE GREVE
Denmark	Mr H. GROVE	Mr E. ANDERSEN
Germany	Mr H. KAISER	Mr T. GIESEN
Greece	Mrs A. KAFETZOPOULOU	Mr G. PELORIAS
Spain	Mrs C. SERRANO HERRERA	Mr A. ALLUE BUIZA
France	Mr F. BRUN	Mr M. LAROQUE
Ireland	Mr T. WALSH	Mr B. K. NEVILLE
Italy	Mrs G. ROCCA	Mrs A. M. AMATISTA
Luxembourg	Mr A. SCHUSTER	Mr N. RUME
Netherlands	Mr E. H. SICCAMA	Mr C. J. VOS
Portugal	Mrs J. DA ENCARNACÃO PINTO MARVÃO	Mr A. A. VAREJÃO CASTELO BRANCO DE SOUSA
United Kingdom	Mr D. C. T. EVES	Mr C. D. BURGESS

*(b) Alternates*

Belgium	Mr A. LEHOUCQ	Mr P. CAJOT
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Greece	Mr P. PAPADOPOULOS	Mr E. GALANOPOULOU
Spain	Mr L. F. FERNÁNDEZ PERDIDO	Mr J. L. CASTELLA
France	Mr J.-L. PASQUIER	Mr G. ROBERT
Ireland	Mr J. PHELAN	Mr P. J. GOULDING
Italy	Mr M. GUERRIERI	Mr L. CASANO
Luxembourg	Mr M. FEYEREISEN	Mr J.-P. DEMUTH
Netherlands	Mr A. J. DE ROOS	Mr R. O. TRIEMSTRA
Portugal	Mr C. SEIXAS DA FONSECA	Mr J. F. CORREIA GOMES ESTEVEZ
United Kingdom	Miss H. K. LEISER	Mr J. T. CARTER

## II. TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES

(a) *Members*

Belgium	Mr P. SILON	Mr P.-P. MAETER
Denmark	Mr O. HEEGAARD	Mr B. ANDREASEN
Germany	Mr R. KONSTANTY	Mr H. PARTIKEL
Greece	Mr A. GERANIOS	Mr V. TSITSAS
Spain	Mr F. J. PINILLA GARCÍA	Mr A. CARCOBA ALONSO
France	Mr M. MARTIN	Mr P. ÉTIENNE
Ireland	Mr D. O'SULLIVAN	Mr T. WALL
Italy	Mrs C. BRIGHI	Mrs G. GALLI
Luxembourg	Mr R. NURENBERG	Mr A. GROBEN
Netherlands	Mrs K. Y. I. J. ADELMUND	Mr G. A. CREMERS
Portugal	Mr A. J. GOMES TAVARES	Mr L. F. MENEZES LOPES
United Kingdom	Mr A. D. TUFFIN	Mr P. JACQUES

(b) *Alternates*

Belgium	Mr R. THISSEN	Mr V. VAN DER HAEGEN
Denmark	Mr E. ANDERSEN	Mr S. BØGH
Germany	Mr B. ZWINGMANN	Mr W. EGELKRAUT
Greece	Mr C. POLYZOGOPOULOS	Mr G. CHRISTODOULOU
Spain	Mrs M. DÍAZ OJEDA	Mrs L. RODRÍGUEZ GARCÍA
France	Mr M. SAIU	Mr M. SEDES
Ireland	Mr M. O'HALLORAN	Mr P. KEATING
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Luxembourg	Mr H. DUNKEL	Mr A. GIARDIN
Netherlands	Mr H. P. W. SCHMITZ	Mr W. W. MULLER
Portugal	Mr J. VIZINHO	Mr J. M. LEITÃO RIBEIRO ARENÇA
United Kingdom	Miss A. MADDOCKS	Mr R. COYLE

## III. EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES

(a) *Members*

Belgium	Mr A. CORDY	Mr R. LÉONARD
Denmark	Mr J. ANDERSEN	Mr T. JEPSEN
Germany	Mr D. BITTSCHIEDT	Mr A. THEUER
Greece	Mr H. TSAMOUSOPOULOS	Mr E. ZIMALIS
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Ireland	Mr W. H. O'CONNOR	Mr T. BRISCOE
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Luxembourg	Mr R. FERRY	Mr P. OLINGER
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Portugal	Mr J. H. L. DA COSTA TAVARES	Mr M. LIMA AMORIM
United Kingdom	Miss A. M. MACKIE	Mr C. H. A. F. CASTLE

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Germany	Mr E. MULLER	Mr S. BEEKHUIZEN
Greece	Mr A. KALDIS	Mr G. VGONTZAS
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Ireland	Mr R. TUMULTY	Mr T. LAWLOR
Italy	Mr T. GARLANDA	Mr A. SCARFINI
Luxembourg	Mr R. BEFFORT	Mr P. VANDERDONCKT
Netherlands	Mr I. VERHOEF	Mr G. VAN VOORBERGEN
Portugal	Mr M. GONCALVES DE TEVES COSTA	Mr J. A. SENTIEIRO TOMAS
United Kingdom	Mr E. F. THAIRS	Mr H. A. BENN

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## ORGANISATION DES GROUPES AD HOC - 1990 -

Denomination du groupe	Valeurs limites	Information aux parten. sociaux/P.C.	Matériels utilisables en atmosph. explosibles			
Mandat	Examen des propositions de la CCE sur les valeurs lim. D.88/642/CCE		Examen de la proposition de directive CCE			
Composition						
- Président - Vice-Prés. - Rapporteur	Garlanda IT Graham (UK) Maeter (BE)	Burgess (UK) Leandro (PO) Corman (FR)	Gambelli (F) Killick (UK) Sedes (F)			
- Gouvern.	Graham (UK) De Greve (B) Guerrieri IT Wardenb. (D) (expert)	Président Nation (UK) Neustadt (D) Fredella (IT) (expert)	Alvino (IT) Killick (UK) Becker (DE) Ngyen (FR)			
- Travail.	Pinilla (ES) Maeter (BE) Martin (FR) Sapir (Exp.)	Leandro (PO) Galli (IT) Martin (FR) Sapir (Exp.)	Silon (B) Sedes (FR) Lake (UK) Sapir (Exp)			
- Empl.	Bormans (BE) Président Aubrun (FR) Beekhui. (D) (Expert)	Verhoef (NE) Schnierle (D) Corman (FR) Garlanda (IT) (Expert)	Picciolo (IT) Lee (UK) Lawlor (IRL) Gambelli (F)			
Fonctionnaire DG V/E (concerné)	De Smedt C4/95 3673	Haigh C4/105 2734	Rother C4/61 2268			



Dénomination du groupe ad hoc	Groupe 1992	App. levage des personnes	Services défauts	Sécurité des produits	Normalisation
Mandat	Propositions pour l'année européenne pour la santé, séc. et l'hygiène sur le lieu de travail	Examen de la directive DG III	Examen de la proposition de directive CCE	Examen de la proposition de directive CCE	Coopération CEN/CENELEC avec le CCSHS
Composition - Président - Vice-Prés. - Rapporteur	Cullen (UK) Terrier (UK) Konstanty (DE)	Leonard (B) Kennes (B)	Silon (B) Serrano (ES) Corman (F)	Garlanda (IT)	Jacques (UK) Böshagen (DE)
Gouvernem.	Sheye (DA) Opfermann (DE) Pinto Marvao (PO) Président Alvino (IT) Triemstra (NE)	Casane (IT) Jacobs (B) Dorlöchter (DE) Lagendijk (NE)	Serrano (ES) Siccama (NL) Faventi (IT)	Buckley (UK) Overgaard (DA) Lejeune (FR) Faventi (IT)	Castella L. (ES) Brun (FR) Rolt (UK) Casano (IT)
Travailleurs	Etienne (FR) Carcoba (ES) Konstanty (DE) Jacques (UK) R. Arenga (PO) Silon (BE)	Kennes (B) Sedes (FR) Stanzani (IT) Sapir (B)	Silon (B) O'Halloran (IR) Heegaard (DK) Benedettini (IT)	Dunkel (LU) Keating (IR) Kennes (BE) Sapir (Exp.)	Partikel (DE) Benedettini (IT) Sapir (CES) Président
Employeurs	Tsamousop. (GR) Tassin (FR) Ridley (UK) Terrier (UK) Teves C. (PO) Jepsen (DA)	Peyrical (FR) Leonard (B) Guisti (IT) Fazaherley (UK)	Ventrella (UK) Bittscheidt (D) Corman (FR) Cordy (B)	Bormans (BE) Gambelli (FR) Garlanda (IT) Böshagen (DE)	Gambelli (FR) Giusti (IT) Böshagen (DE) Tornos (ES)
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Dénomination du groupe ad hoc	Femmes enceintes	Agence européenne			
Mandat	Examen de la proposition de directive CCE	Examen du document 2213/90 Agence européenne			
Composition  - Président - Vice-Prés. - Rapporteur	Castle (GB) Zerbib (F) Derrick (UK)	Boegh (DK) Walsh (IRL) Scarfini (IT)			
Gouvernem.	Brun (FR) Derrick (UK) De Greve (B) Groth-Andersen (DK)	Walsh (IRL) Brun (FR) Casano (IT) Vos (NL)			
Travailleurs	Buchholz-Wiil (DE) Villar Fernan. (ES) Zerbib (FR) Nollan (UK)	Konstanty (DE) Pinilla (ES) Boegh (DA) Sapir (exp.)			
Employeurs	Castle (UK) Corman (FR) Cordy (B) Kodhal (DA)	Scarfini (IT) Kreizberg (D) Tumulty (IRL) (UK)			
Fonctionnaire DG V concerné	Dr. Martin C4/87 2738	A. Lommel C4/122 3871			

ATTENDANCE LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION GROUP  
10 October 1990

11/10/90

Chairman: Mr Casano, in place of Mrs Rocca

Government experts

Mr Thomas Walsh  
Ireland

Mr Casano  
Italy

Workers

Ole Heegaard  
Denmark

Mr François Ballestero  
ETUC  
Belgium

Employers

Torben Jepsen  
Denmark

Mr Jacques Tassin  
France

Mr Enrico Bussetti  
Italy

Chairmen of the ad-hoc groups

Equipment for use in explosive atmospheres

Mr Franck Gambelli  
France

Limit values

Dott. Tiziano Garlanda  
Italy

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Mr Cullen  
United Kingdom

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  - Mr Opfermann, alternate member of the Government Representatives' Group is replaced by Mr K. Horneffer.
  - Mr H. Kaiser, member of the Government Representatives' Group is replaced by Mr Opfermann.

- Mrs E. Galanopoulos, alternate member of the Government Representatives' Group is replaced by Mr G. Peloriadis.
- Mrs A. Katetzopoulos, member of the Government Representatives' Group is replaced by Mr S. Aslanis.
- Mr G. Peloriadis, member of the Government Representatives' Group is replaced by Mr Stamatakis.
- Mr M. Laroque, member of the Government Representatives' Group is replaced by Mrs D. Rouaud.
- Mr L. Casano, alternate member of the Government Representatives' Group is replaced by Mr A. Alvino.
- Mr T. Garlanda, alternate member of the Employers' Group is replaced by Mr G. Spano.
- Mr E. Buseti, member of the Employers' Group is replaced by Mr M. Fregoso.
- Miss H.K. Leiser, alternate member of the Government Representatives' Group is replaced by Mr J. Durning.
- Miss A.W. Brown, member of the Government Representatives' Group is replaced by Mr D.J. Hodgkins.
- Mr P. Silon, member of the Workers' Group is replaced by Mr M. Degreef.

B) Structures

14 ad-hoc groups pursued their work (see Annex B for the organisation of the AHG in 1990).  
 The "Organisation" group held four meetings during this period (see Annex 5 for a list of the members of the "Organisation" group).

C) Number of meetings and number of meeting days in the 1978-91 period

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### III. Activities

#### A) Opinions delivered

1. Commission's green paper on the promotion of European standards (Doc. 8554/1/90).
2. Commission proposal for a Council directive on the minimum safety and health requirements on board fishing vessels (Doc. 4539/91).
3. Draft directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to installations and components and protection systems for use in explosive atmospheres (Doc. 4964/91).
4. Proposal for a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on pressure equipment (Doc. 5370/91).
5. Preliminary draft proposal for a Directive concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for transport activities and workplaces on means of transport (Doc. 5367/91).
6. Draft proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 90/679/EEC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to chemical, physical and biological agents at work (Doc. 5144/1/91).
7. Draft proposal for a Directive on young people at work (Doc. 5497/91).

#### B) Activities of the ad-hoc groups

1. AHG "European year of safety, hygiene and health at work, 1992"
2. AHG "Physical agents"
3. AHG "Carcinogens"
4. AHG "Major accidents"
5. AHG "Limit values".

#### C) Other activities

1. Meeting of the "Organisation" group.

A) Opinions delivered

1. Commission's green paper on the promotion of European standards

The Committee adopted the draft opinion given in Doc. 8554/1/90.

Comments were made by the different interest groups who felt it unnecessary to provide for the creation of a European board on standardisation. On the other hand, they recommended the setting up of an advisory committee on European standards on which the different parties concerned would be represented. This possibility had been mooted in the Green Paper by the European Standardisation Council. It was also proposed to establish the principle of publicity for standardisation procedures. The AHG was asked to monitor the work of the European Standardisation Council.

2. Proposal for a directive on minimum health and safety requirements on board fishing vessels

The Committee gave its opinion on the basis of a draft drawn up by the AHG (Doc. 05/4539).

Comments were made by the different interest groups, particularly as regards the minimum length of vessels. The "Workers" group considers that the minimum length should be set at 9 m. In the view of the other two groups, this length should be over 9 m (15 m for the "Employers" group), in order to avoid an excessive financial burden for the SMEs. The Committee also recommends that the proposal for a directive conform to the relevant ILO Convention.

3. Proposal for a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to installations and components and protection systems for use in explosive atmospheres.

On the basis of a draft opinion (Doc. 4964/91) from the AHG, the Plenary Committee delivered an opinion accompanied by comments from the interest groups.

The "Workers" group felt that two types of installations (electrical and non-electrical) should be covered by a single directive. The "Employers" group felt it important to be able to circumscribe the danger zones particularly as these atmospheres are extremely variable depending on the workplaces.

4. Proposal for a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on pressure equipment

The Committee adopted an opinion (Doc. 5370/91) on the proposal for a directive.

This opinion and the comments from the interest groups concerned make the point that the description of the roles of the safety devices and the devices under pressure should be more detailed.

Insufficient account had been taken in the text of the proposal for a directive of the problem of periodic inspection of stationary installations.

5. Proposal for a directive on the minimum health and safety requirements for transport activities and workplaces on means of transport.

The Committee adopted a draft opinion prepared by the AHG (Doc. 5367/91).

However, the various interest groups had many comments to make and these are presented in Doc. 6231/92.

The Committee feels that the text of the proposal for a directive is far too general and that it should be brought into line with the relevant international regulations.

6. Draft Council proposal amending Directive 90/679/EEC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to biological agents at work.

The Committee delivered an opinion on the basis of Doc. 5144/1/91 drawn up by the AHG.

The comments from the interest groups relate mainly to cell culture and genetically-modified biological agents.

The Committee feels they should be included in the classification. It is also felt that the Commission should reconvene the national experts for another look at the text, which needs to be further improved.

7. Proposal for a Council directive on the protection of young people at work.

The Committee adopted a draft opinion which is given in Doc. 5497/91.

Points emerging from the comments from the interest groups essentially concern the fact that:

- there exist ILO recommendations which are far stricter than those set out in this draft;
- due account should be taken of the physical and mental constitution of these young workers particularly during their period of growth;

- it is fundamentally important that such young people not be exposed to harmful substances;
- this proposal for a directive concerns only the aspects of safety, hygiene and health at the place of work, since it is based on Article 118a of the Treaty.

B) Activities of the AHG.

1) AHG "European year of safety, hygiene and health at work (1992)"

The group drew up the programme for the Year, prepared the draft Council decision and discuss the four main themes of the Year:

- safety
- wellbeing
- clean air
- noise and vibration .

The AHG suggested that particular attention be focused on occupational cancers.

2) AHG "Physical agents"

The AHG, which held three meetings in 1991, has not yet concluded its work and this will be continued in 1992. Its preliminary conclusions show that a final opinion should be delivered at the plenary session to be held in February 1992. This proposal for a directive raises complex problems for the different interest groups.

3) AHG "Carcinogens"

The AHG met twice and, following discussions, it was felt that the R 40 substances should be examined by the AHG "Limit values". The AHG has been placed on standby while awaiting new documents, particularly those concerning R 45 substances.

4) AHG "Major accidents"

The work of the AHG is described in Doc. 5499/91. A new meeting is scheduled for 30 March 1992 so that the draft opinion can be finalised. A final committee opinion is expected during the plenary meeting of May 1992.

5) AHG "Limit values"

The AHG held three meetings and the group's work is described in Doc. 455/91. The interest groups are unanimous in

commenting that it is important that scientific documents be used as a basis for establishing these values. A draft opinion is currently being prepared and should be ready in 1992.

C) Other activities

Meeting of the "Organisation" group.

The "Organisation" group held four meetings in 1991 under the Dutch and Luxembourg presidencies respectively in the first and second half of 1991.

It received the reports from the chairman of the AHG at these meetings, examined the proposals relating to the setting up of the AHGs and, on this basis, drew up the agenda for the four plenary meetings for 1991.

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IV. ANNEXES

- A) List of the members of the ACSH
- B) List of the members of the AHGs
- C) List of the members of the "Organisation" group

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following the Decision of the Council of the European Communities on 26 March 1990

(90/C 237/01)

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Mandat	Détermination de la stratég. à suivre pour les substances cancérogènes	Examen des propositions de la CCE sur les valeurs lim. D.88/642/CCE	Examen de la prop.directive DG V	Examen prop. directive DG V	Coopération CEN/CENELEC avec le CCSHS
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