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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Council Decision 74/325/EEG of 27 June 1974 (O.J. No. L 185 of 9 July 1974 on the setting up of an Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, provides in article 3 that:

- "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."

This Advisory Committee approved the enclosed Tenth Progress Report (Doc. No. V/LUX/2397/2/1986) in the meeting of 21 and 22 May 1986.

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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):

"The Council of the European Communities ... Whereas a standing body should be envisaged to assist the Commission in the preparation and implementation of activities in the field of safety, hygiene and health protection at work and to facilitate cooperation between national administrations, trade unions and employers' organizations ...

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

An Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work is hereby established.

Article 2

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 ...

Article 3

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

II - GENERAL REMARKS

a) Membership of Committee

A list of the members appointed by the Council for the period 1982-1985 (1), whose term of office ended officially this year is given in Annex I.

A list of members appointed by the Council for the period 1985-1988 (2), whose term of office began on 17 December 1985, can be found in Annex II.

It should be noted that the plenary meeting on 28 and 29 November 1985 was attended for the first time by observers from Spain and Portugal, as follows:

- Mario Grau (Spain)
- Antonio Albesa Vilata (Spain)
- Josephino Pinto Maruão (Portugal).

Finally, following the Commission decision of 29 April 1985, Mr. Sutherland, the Commissioner with responsibility for employment, social affairs and education, was appointed Chairman of the Committee.

b) Structure

- 1 - During the first part of the year the Committee continued to operate on the basis of three working parties and the Restricted Group. The members of these bodies are listed in Annex III.

(1) Council Decision of 31 March 1982 (OJ C 110/82, pp. 2 and 3).

(2) Council Decision of 17 December 1985 (OJ C 355/85, pp. 1 and 2).

2. At its plenary meeting on 3 and 4 September the Committee decided to adopt a new structure based on an intermediate group and on ad hoc groups set up as and when need arose. The members of the first ad hoc groups set up at this meeting are listed in Annex IV; discussions have already taken place on the setting up of the intermediate group and are to continue.

3. As regards the secretariat, Mr. BAUR, the Committee's official secretary, retired on 14 July. His deputy, Mr. Goeminne, asked to be transferred to other tasks.
Mr. Morettini, a principal administrator in the Health and Safety Directorate, has been appointed secretary to the Committee while Mr. Gauthier, his assistant, is responsible for executive tasks in this area. Details of the Secretariat are set out in Annex V.

The Committee wishes to record its appreciation of the work of Mr. Baur and Mr. Goeminne since it was formed and to thank them for their unfailing courtesy and assistance to all members past and present.

Date: 27-Feb-86

c) Number of meetings and number of meeting days 1975/1985

	Number of meetings											Number of meeting days										
	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975	1985	1984	1983	1982	1981	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975
COMMITTEE	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	4	2	2	2	1	2	6	6	5	5	2
Working Party I	3	5	7	6	6	4	9	5	4	2	1	4	10	11	11	11	8	15	10	6	2	1
Working Party II	0	1	2	3	2	3	2	3	-	1	1	0	2	3	6	3	6	4	4	0	1	1
Working Party III	0	2	1	2	3	4	2	1	2	-	1	0	3	1	2	6	6	2	1	4	0	1
Restricted Group	1	2	3	2	4	2	4	4	2	1	-	1	2	3	2	4	2	4	4	3	1	-
AHG "Occupational diseases"	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AHG "Carbon tetrachloride"	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AHG "Safety"	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	9	11	14	14	16	14	20	15	10	6	4	14	19	20	23	25	24	31	25	18	9	5

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III - ACTIVITIES

a) Summary of activities

Opinions delivered

- 1) Technical harmonization and standardization
- 2) "Seveso" Directive (Working Party 1)
- 3) Directive on electromagnetic fields (Working Party 1)
- 4) Measurement strategy
- 5) Acrylonitrile

Activity of the ad hoc groups

- 6) Ad hoc Group on "Occupational diseases"
- 7) Ad hoc Group on "Occupational diseases" (continuation)
- 8) Ad hoc Group on "Carbon tetrachloride"
- 9) Ad hoc Group on "Carcinogenic agents"
- 10) Ad hoc Group on "Safety"
- 11) Ad hoc Group on "Safety" (technical aspects)
- 12) Ad hoc Group on "Safety" (organization and information)
- 13) Ad hoc Group on "Pathogenic agents"
- 14) Ad hoc Group on "Occupational health services"

Other activities

- 15) Studies
- 16) The Second Action Programme

b) Detailed description of activities

1) Technical harmonization and standardization

(Doc. V/LUX/5019/1/85)

Draft opinion 5019/1/85 was adopted as a preliminary opinion, it being understood that the work on this subject would continue.

2) "Seveso" Directive - major accident risks (Doc. V/LUX/5024/85)

The Advisory Committee regrets that it was presented with the above draft too late to have a real influence on the amendments made to the Directive. The document posed no problems when examined by WP 1. The Committee supports the Commission as regards the general purpose of this Directive.

3) Directive on electromagnetic fields (Doc. V/LUX/4724/85)

The Committee decided, by a vote with 25 in favour, 17 against, and 2 abstentions, that it was not necessary at this time to proceed with a Directive or other Community instrument for protection of workers against electromagnetic fields. It considered that the system in force in the Federal Republic of Germany might be more widely applied for a further period of time during which studies could be carried out and the situation kept under review.

4) Measurement strategy (Doc. V/LUX/4723/85)

The preliminary opinion will have to be re-examined and the possibility of setting up an ad hoc group considered. Copies of the ISO (1) documents must be obtained to enable the Committee to gain a deeper understanding of the subject.

(1) ISO: International Organization for Standardization.

5) Acrylonitrile (Doc. V/LUX/8194/1/84)

The opinion on acrylonitrile was adopted, although various comments were made, particularly regarding limit values and maximum values.

6) Ad hoc Group on Occupational Diseases (Doc. V/LUX/2144/86)

Discussions at the first meeting of the Group revealed the differences existing between the EEC countries. The AHG thinks it will be possible to harmonize legal provisions since the disparities existing between the various countries are not insuperable. One solution would be to adopt a dual system. The work will continue in 1986.

7) Ad hoc Group on Occupational Diseases (86)

Continuation of the ad hoc group in 6 above.

8) Ad hoc Group on Carbon tetrachloride (Doc. V/LUX/5687/85)

The Committee does not consider it necessary to prepare a specific directive on this substance. In fact, tetrachloride could be covered by a directive on carcinogenic substances; the latter are to be examined by the ad hoc group concerned (12).

9) Ad hoc Group on Carcinogenic agents

This particular group is responsible for determining the approach to be adopted in respect of protection against carcinogenic substances, e.g. by means of a proposal for a framework directive.

10) Ad hoc Group on Safety (Doc. LUX/V/E/3/78/85)

The AHG made several proposals which might be examined by the Commission departments in the context of occupational safety:

- preparation of a draft framework directive of occupational safety and physical working conditions;
- setting up a working party responsible for specific directives, in order to improve speed and efficiency;
- the establishment of a system for the rapid exchange of information on safety following the setting up of an ad hoc group (12).

The AHG will continue its work in 1986, assisted by a group responsible for drawing up a specific directive (11).

11) Ad hoc Group on Safety (technical aspects)

This AHG will continue its work on essential safety requirements, with particular reference to simple pressure vessels.

12) Ad hoc group on Safety (organization and information)

The task of this AHG is to propose a system for the rapid exchange of information on occupational safety and, subsequently, to continue its work in related areas such as those concerned with a statistical system, an accident prevention strategy, framework directive ...

13) Ad hoc Group on Pathogenic agents

This AHG is responsible for regulations concerning the protection of workers a) in the field of biotechnology and b) against pathogenic agents.

14) Ad hoc Group on Occupational health services

This AHG is considering the ILO convention No. 161 on occupational health services, together with the report and opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (1), with a view to advising the Commission on possible Community measures.

15) Studies

While the 1985 study programme was being drawn up, the Committee was informed of that part of the programme concerning health and safety at work. The Committee asks that future study programmes include the topic of financial incentives for improving health and safety protection in the workplace.

16) The Second Action Programme (2)

In accordance with Article 2 of the Council Decision of 27 June 1974, the Committee has the task of assisting the Commission in the preparation and implementation of activities in the fields of safety, hygiene and health protection at work.

In this context, the implementation of the Second Programme of Action which is in its second year, is one of the tasks of the Committee, and thus it was involved with the establishment of the workplan for 1986 (Annex VII).

(1) Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee 84/C 307/11 of 27 September 1984 (OJ C 307 of 19 November 1984).

(2) Council Resolution 84/C 67/02 of 27 February 1984 (OJ C 67 of 8 March 1984).

c) Information measures

The Committee's secretariat made available to the public and outside bodies more information on the Committee's activities.

- *) Contributions to the "Bulletin of the European Communities" (monthly publication).

This official publication, which appears in all the official languages, is on sale in the information offices of the Member States. Since October the secretariat has regularly provided contributions. See Annex VI.

- *) Contribution to the General Report of the European Communities for 1985.

The Secretariat made the following contribution to this Report:

"The Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work held two plenary meetings at which it adopted its ninth annual report and determined the arrangements for reorganizing its structures and activities. As part of its second action programme it delivered an opinion on four draft Commission directives and set up ad hoc groups linked directly with implementation of the Commission's programme in this field."

(1) EC Bulletin 9-1985, item 2.1.63.
and EC Bulletin 12-1985, item 2.1.115.

IV - Analysis of work

a) Main features

The work in 1985 was characterized by the following:

- a continuation of the trend, caused in particular by budgetary factors, towards a reduction in the Committee's activities;
- the consequences of the Council Resolution on a new approach to technical harmonization and standards (OJ C 136 of 4 June 1985).

b) Budgetary trends

In 1985 the budgetary resources allocated to the Committee were once again on a limited scale. By maintaining appropriations at a level of 120 000 ECU, as in 1984 and 1983, the Council not only failed to take account of the need to hold more meetings so that the Committee can support the Commission's health and safety initiatives and, in particular, implement the Second Action Programme but also failed to compensate for the increased cost of such meetings resulting from the rise in the cost of living.

In addition, the "provisional twelfths" system of budgetary management imposed on the Commission during the first half year considerably reduced the scope for organizing meetings.

Thus, apart from the fact that the Plenary Committee was not able to hold its first meeting until September, the only working party to hold two meetings during the first part of the year was the Working Party on the Technical and Legislative Aspects of Prevention and Protection.

Budgetary restraints were relaxed during the second half of the year but the paucity of documentation from the working parties reduced the Committee's ability to deliver opinions.

The table on page 6 shows a continuation in the reduction in activity brought about by the budgetary situation.

On several occasions the Committee has expressed the wish that the attention of the budget authority be drawn to the adverse effects of this trend. Furthermore, if the provisional twelfths system continues, the Committee hopes that sufficient funds will be made available at the beginning of the year so that the requisite number of meetings can be held.

c) The "new approach"

The Committee, in taking note of the latest work by the Commission and the Council on the completion of the internal market, regretted very much that it had not been consulted nor had the opportunity for any discussion or exchange of views on this matter during its stage of formulation. It fears that this represents a shortsightedness on the part of the Commission that may impede progress.

The Committee fully endorsed the view that there are still many obstacles to the free circulation of goods and services, in particular technical barriers created by the differences existing between national regulations. It welcomed the initiatives of the Commission and the Council, described as a "new approach to technical harmonization and standardization", which are designed to eliminate these barriers and create a more dynamic environment for European industry and employment.

Thus, the Council resolution of 7 May 1985, in the section dealing with guidelines, specifies that this new approach is based on certain fundamental principles the first of which states that

As regards the Commission, its "White Paper" (COM (85) 310 final) setting out the programme of measures required for the creation by 1992 of a fully-unified internal market states that "the task of defining the technical specifications of products which will be deemed to conform to legislative requirements will be entrusted to European Standards" and that "legislative harmonization will be confined to laying down the ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS, conformity with which will entitle a product to free movement within the Community".

Consequently, in those sectors where justified divergent national regulations concerning the health and safety of citizens and consumer and environmental protection create barriers to trade, the process of legislative harmonization will be confined to basic requirements, conformity with which will allow a product free movement within the Community. The technical specifications which products must possess in order to comply with legislative requirements will be set out in European Standards issued by the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) or by sectoral European Standards in the electrical and building sectors such as CENELEC, UEATC or RILEM.

The Committee has to point out that, despite the safety implications of these two documents, it was not consulted on their contents. Moreover, this new approach raises a number of problems, including the following:

- the need to clarify the concept of ESSENTIAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS and to determine whether it also concerns the use of equipment at the workplace;
- the connection between this concept and the creation of technical specifications in the form of standards;

- the functions, responsibilities and power of initiative of the Commission departments which have to deal with these problems, i.e. the elimination of technical barriers to trade and the definition of essential safety requirements;
- the function and responsibilities of the Committee regarding Commission initiatives such as the preparation of the Council Resolution or the drafting of the "White Paper";
- and ultimately, the need to ensure that dismantling barriers to trade does not lead to lower standards of worker protection.

The Committee wishes to emphasize its role and responsibilities in these areas and will seek to make an ever increasing contribution. However, for this to be realised and fully effective the Committee sees the urgent need of reinforcing the meagre resources at present available to cover the whole sector of activities.

d) Conclusions

It is therefore clear that the Committee, in 1985, did all it could to make optimum use of its resources despite the increasing number of practical problems; However, there is no doubt that the adoption of more restrictive measures will inevitably undermine the Committee's attempts to meet the Commission's needs.

- Clearly, if it is to work in a rational way, the Committee must
- be allocated sufficient funds. Here requirements are determined by the Commission initiatives included in the annual work programme and, in 1986, by the accession of Spain and Portugal, which increases the number of members and, hence, the cost of meetings;
 - be able to closely monitor the Commission's work and, in particular, the implementation of the Second Action Programme;

- adopt flexible and manageable structures which enable it to adapt rapidly to any Commission initiative and to draw up draft opinions to be discussed at plenary meetings;

 - plan its work with a view to the establishment of the internal market by 1992 and, within this framework, make its contribution to any initiatives involving health and safety including, in particular, those stemming from the Council resolution of 7 May linking essential safety requirements with the issuing of standards and thereby maintain a central place in the political discussion concerning protection in the workplace and in the various technical aspects of the protection of the individual worker.
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Composition of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work

(for the period 2 April 1982 to 1 April 1985)

Chairman: Mr Ivor Richard

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Notice pursuant to Article 19 (3) of Regulation No 17/62 (*) concerning a Notification
(IV/30.517 - Amersham Buchler)

1. On 21 December 1981, Amersham International Ltd ('Amersham'), an English company, notified a series of agreements the first of which was made in 1971 for the foundation of a joint venture company named Amersham Buchler GmbH & Co. KG, with Amersham Buchler GmbH being the unlimited liability partner.

Amersham made an application to the Commission for negative clearance, or, failing that, an exemption under Article 85 (3).

2. The joint venture was formed jointly by:

- (a) The Radiochemical Centre GmbH ('TRC GmbH'), a 100 % subsidiary of Amersham; and
- (b) Buchler GmbH (formerly Buchler GmbH & Co. KG).

TRC GmbH holds 60 % and Buchler holds 40 % of the capital of the joint venture.

(*) Official Edition 1959/62, November 1972, p. 87.

3. The agreements had the object:

- to establish a joint venture for the manufacture and marketing of radioactive material and products, and in particular of radiochemical products for research purposes, radiopharmaceutical products, and radiation sources, and
- to appoint the joint venture as the exclusive distributor of Amersham for the Federal Republic of Germany including West Berlin.

The agreements provide that the founding parties may not compete with the joint venture. In case a competitor gains control over one of the parties, the other party may require that the former ceases to be a party to the joint venture.

4. Before entering into these agreements, Amersham (then: The Radiochemical Centre) acted as a commercial department within the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) (a body controlled by the UK Government). This Centre had responsibility for research, development,

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(Information)

COUNCIL

List of full and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work

(for the period 17 December 1985 to 16 December 1988)

following the Decision of the Council of the European Communities on 17 December 1985

(85/C 355/01)

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EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS
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Advisory Committee for Safety Hygiene
and Health Protection at Work

Luxembourg,

22nd meeting of the
extended*) Restricted Group (RG+)
held in Luxembourg on 22 January 1985

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Dr E. Bennett, Director V/E

Participants:

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Messrs Rebière and Siccama (members of the Advisory
Committee = AC)

Messrs Castin and Staedelin (group coordinators)

Secretariat:

Messrs Baur, Secretary to the Committee

Goeminne, Assistant Secretary to the Committee

DG V/E/2:

Dr Hunter, Head of Division V/E/2

*) for this meeting

see AC decision - Doc. 7710/1/84, point 5, page 6, final paragraph

WORKING PARTY I

Deltagerliste
Teilnehmerliste
List of participants
Liste des participants
Elenco dei partecipanti
Deelnemerslijst

I. Medlemmer - Mitglieder - Membres - Members - Membri - Leden

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België Belgique	---	SILON	BORMANS
Danmark	SAXILD	MALTESEN	FALK
Deutschland	HORNEFFER	PARTIKEL	HARTMANN
France	LOMENEDE	LEVY	AUBRUN
Hellas	---	---	TSAMOUSOPOULOS
Ireland	NEVILLE	O'SULLIVAN	CLARKE
Italia	---	TOMASSINI	GARLANDA
Luxembourg	SCHUSTER	RIES	---
Nederland	RIKMENSPOEL	BURINGH	DEN BOER
United Kingdom	MASSON	HAMILTON	EBERLIE

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ORGANISATION OF THE AD HOC GROUPS

Title of the Ad Hoc Groups	Carbon tetra-chloride a)	Occupational diseases	Safety a)	Ad Hoc Group set up 4-9-'85
Mandate	Carbon tetra-chloride Directive	Up-dating of Commission recommendation of 62 and 66 diseases b)	- Mandate to be proposed to the Committee by the AHG itself c)	
Composition of the Ad Hoc Groups				
- Chairman	Hamilton (Work-JK)	Cordy (Empl-BE)	Jezequel (Govern-FR)	
- Vice-chairman	
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- Empl	Garlanda (IT) Hartmann (DE) Bormans (BE) Aubrun (Expert)	Chairman (BE) Grunnet (DK) Müller (DE) Fauchois (Expert)	Peyrical (FR) Den Boer (NL) Tsamosopoulos (GR) Giusti (Expert)	
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Room	M 4 M 4	M 6 M 6	M 4 M 4	

a) Provisional title

b) Several members asked a wide harmonisation of the list of diseases

c) The possibility of an extension to 30 members was mentioned as well as the possibility to create other Ad Hoc Groups in case of a division of subjects

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Health and safety at work

2.1.63. The Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work, formed in 1974,³ held a plenary meeting on 3 and 4 September at which it adopted its 1984 annual report.⁴ As part of its reorganization, three *ad hoc* groups responsible for occupational diseases, carbon tetrachloride and safety were set up.

2.1.71. As the result of a decision taken at the last plenary session of the Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work,⁶ two *ad hoc* group meetings were held in Luxembourg in October. The first dealt with occupational diseases, the second with protection against the hazards posed by carbon tetrachloride.

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IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 1986

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ON

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JANUARY 1986

This outline of the work for 1986 to implement the Resolution of Council has been prepared with the assistance of the Advisory Committee for Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work and following consultation with Member States.

Section I. Protection against dangerous substances. Actions 1-6.

- a) Complete preparation of a proposal for a Directive on a strategy for the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens(1).
- b) Continue work on ZPP standardization, blood lead quality control and lead in air measurements.
- c) Continue evaluation of available scientific data on agents in Annex I of Directive 80/1107/CEE, in particular asbestos, cadmium, nickel and chlorinated hydrocarbons.
- d) Continue work on health effects of noise and vibration.
- e) Continue preparation of biological and health monitoring reports on individual agents and the evaluation of mixed exposures.
- f) Continue preparation of a Communication to Council on the theoretical and practical aspects of the measurement of exposure to dangerous agents in the workplace.
- g) Continue preparation of a Communication to Council on chemical agents for which skin penetration is a hazard.
- h) Commence preparation of a proposal for a Directive on the protection of workers from dangerous pathogenic organisms(1).
- i) Commence preparation of reports for the establishment of exposure limits.

Section II. Ergonomic measures, protection against accidents and dangerous situations. Actions 7-11

- a) Continue to organize exchanges of experience and information between Member States concerning the principles and methods of organization and training of the departments for inspection in the fields of safety, health and hygiene at work.
- b) Continue collaboration on matters of safety in the workplace in the context of the new approach to technical harmonization(1).
- c) Continue work on establishing guidelines for the prevention of back injuries.
- d) Continue work on establishing guidelines for human factor considerations in the safety of process control systems(2).

(1) It was requested that these items receive priority attention.

(2) These items reflect paragraph 1.4. of the conclusions of the Council of 22 June 1984 concerning a Community medium term social action programme (O.J. C175, 4 July 1984): "Arrangements should, in particular, be sought for taking systematic account of the ergonomic implications of technological innovations as from the stage of the study and design of the equipment."

- e) Continue work on establishing guidelines for the development and use of visual display units in commerce and industry(2).
- f) Commence preparation of a proposal for a Directive on the organisational aspects of safety in the workplace.
- g) Commence preparation of a proposal for a Council Decision concerning the rapid exchange of information on restrictions in the use of tools and equipment in the workplace.
- h) Commence work on evaluation of lighting requirements at the workplace.
- i) Commence preparation of specifications for the design of safer agricultural buildings.

Section III. Organization. Actions 12-14

- a) Complete preparation of a proposal to Council on the provision and organization of occupational health services(1).
- b) Complete a review of current practices of participation by workers and their representatives in the improvement of health and hygiene matters at the workplace.
- c) Complete updating of the 1962 and 1966 Commission Recommendations on occupational diseases.

Section IV. Training and information. Actions 15-16

- a) Continue work on recommendations for training of workers in special risk industries e.g. diving, fishing, agriculture, and the construction industry.
- b) Continue a review of the safety training requirements for employers, workers' representatives and safety specialists in industry.
- c) Continue preparation of information notices to workers on dangerous agents and major accident hazards.

Section V. Statistics. Actions 17-18

- a) Continue collaboration with the Statistical Office in the collection and use of statistics on mortality, accidents and occupational diseases and continue a review of current practices of cancer registration.

Section VI. Research. Action 19

- a) Continue work on the preparation of research programmes on ergonomics(2) and safety at work.

Section VII. Co-operation. Actions 20-21

- a) Participate in the 72nd Session of the ILO Conference and ILO Technical Meetings concerning safety in the use of asbestos.
- b) Collaborate with WHO and IPCS in the preparation of technical reports and meetings.
- c) Continue the exchange of information with US, Swedish and Norwegian agencies.