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Service des risques technologiques  
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Mission transport de matières dangereuses

**Objet** : UN Working group on lithium batteries meeting in Montreal 27,28,29, March 2017

Dear colleagues

During its last session the UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods has adopted new working items for the lithium battery working group as defined in par. 49 and 95 of the report on its last session (document ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100). A copy of these paragraphs is attached as an annex.

ICAO has kindly proposed to host the first meeting of this working group.

As the vice chairman of the sub-committee and the chairman of the working group I have the pleasure to invite you to the first meeting of this group to be held in the ICAO building:

**999 Boulevard Robert-Bourassa, Montréal**

**Starting Monday March 27th at 10 am  
Ending Wednesday March 29th at 3 pm**

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If you are interested in taking part to the work please fill the attached table in excel format and send it to the following email addresses :

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**before March the 17th**

A more detailed agenda will be sent in due time.

The following link may be helpful to book you hotel

<http://www.icao.int/Meetings/Pages/List-Of-Hotels.aspx>

Sincerely yours

Le chef de la Mission Transport de Matières  
Dangereuse

Vice Chairman of the UNSCETDG

Claude PFAUVADEL



## Report of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its fiftieth session

### ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/100 (par 49 and 95)

« 49. The Sub-Committee agreed to follow up on the request from ICAO and to include a specific item in its programme of work. It would, however, be necessary to proceed in stages. The first stage would consist in developing an entirely new system of criteria based on the intrinsic hazards posed by the various types of cells and batteries. In that connection, the Sub-Committee welcomed the work already done by France, as described in informal documents INF.31 and Add.1 and 2, in particular the two studies performed by INERIS (INF.31/Add.1, Opportunity of having a classification system for the transport of batteries, basic specifications for a testing programme; and INF.31/Add.2, Comparison of thermal and toxic effects of the fire of batteries and other goods in transport by a heavy goods vehicle). In the second stage, once the criteria were established, it would be possible to determine the corresponding conditions of transport (see also under item 8, Programme of work for the biennium 2017-2018). »

« B Development of a comprehensive risk-based system to classify lithium batteries and cells for transport ....

95. The Sub-Committee agreed to include this item in the programme of work on the understanding that the system would not be a risk-based system but an hazard-based system. The work would be carried out by the informal working group on lithium batteries under the chairmanship of the expert from France, and it could be expected that COSTHA, PRBA and RECHARGE would provide administrative support. At the first session, which the representative of ICAO offered to host, the group would look at all available data that can already be useful to analyse the effects produced by lithium batteries when they react, and would identify the additional data needed. It would also prepare a work plan that would be submitted to the Sub-Committee for approval at its next session. »

