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SECTORAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE FOR FURNITURE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WORKING GROUP "HEALTH AND SAFETY" MEETING

29 MARCH 2012

Chairman: Mr Rolf Gehring (EFBWW)

Commission representative: Mr Carlos LOPES (DG EMPL)

Participants: See annex.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda is adopted.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (27 SEPTEMBER 2011)

The minutes are approved.

3. PROJECT ON NANOTECHNOLOGIES IN FURNITURE

Mr Gehring (EFBWW) informed the participants about the status of the project. The Final Seminar is scheduled on 15th June in Florence.

Mr Rodriguez (UEA) underlined some aspects concerning the targeted audience of the Final Seminar.

4. PROJECT FAR 3

Mr De Turck (UEA) informed the participants about the activities organised in Bucharest, Sofia, Budapest, Tallinn and Brno in the framework of this project.

Mr Rodriguez (UEA) considers this project as a benchmark for the European Sectoral Social Dialogue activities.

During the next plenary meeting the social partners will discuss the following steps in this issue.

5. SOCIAL LABEL FOR FURNITURE

Mr De Turck presented a concept for action in this issue.

A document will be sent soon by UEA to EFBWW and to EFIC to allow a discussion during the next plenary meeting.

6. NEW COMMUNITY STRATEGY ON OSH 2013/2020

Mr Gehring made a short presentation of the Joint Position already signed by all sectoral social partners.

After a short debate the participants decided how to disseminate the joint document.

7. INITIATIVES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Mr Lopes (DG EMPL) informed that the Commission made yesterday, 28 March 2012, the final analysis of the Impact Assessment Report on MSD.

The final adoption of the proposal by the College would take place mid of 2012.

Mr Lopes also informed that the final report on the study on the Carcinogenic Directive was already submitted to DG EMPL.

The report was already discussed in the WG CHEMICALS.

During this year 2012 several meetings will be organised on this issue.

8. NEW OSHA CAMPAIGN ON RISK PREVENTION

The Bilbao Agency organised yesterday a partnership meeting in Brussels to present the new OSHA Campaign called "Working together for risk prevention" (2012/2013).

EFBWW already decided to be Partner of this Campaign.

Later on UEA and EFIC will decide if they also participate in this Campaign.

9. AOB

On the occasion of its upcoming departure, Mr Lopes (DG EMPL) expressed its gratitude towards the social partners for the cooperation and good work during all this years.

The social partners (EFBWW, UEA and EFIC) thanked Mr Lopes for its work and commitment to the European Social Dialogue.

C. LOPES