



## Working group meeting on Risk Assessment Improvement (RAI)

Meeting date: 2 December 2010 starting at 10:00

B232 room 02/17A – Rue Breydel 4, Brussels

### Minutes

#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed the participants and listed the apologies (indicated in the annex below).

#### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted without any changes.

#### 3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Ursula Ackermann noted her work on air quality with WHO years ago.

#### 4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were adopted

#### 5. DISCUSSION OF THE OPINION TEXT

##### 5.1. Progress of the SEA/REACH subgroup;

**ACTION:** The text on air particulates needs to be shortened and the uncertainties indicated (**UA**).

**ACTION:** The issue of threshold vs. non-threshold to be discussed in the text in the context of the needs of risk managers (likelihood of impact that matters). Both approaches to RA are to be coupled with SEA and the uncertainties need to be clearly expressed (**HG**).

**ACTION:** To create a coherent chapter including all the components and the examples (**HG**).

**ACTION:** The whole chapter to be commented on by **Roy**.

## 5.2. Progress of the Integration subgroup.

**ACTION:** To move the sustainability portion of Stavros' contribution to this chapter (**SG** to send some text to **JB**).

**ACTION:** The issues of natural capital and option value need some text (**WW, SG**).

**ACTION:** To distinguish between expert judgment and informed evaluation. This could be part of the recapitulation in the recommendations section (**JB**).

**ACTION:** The precautionary principle text to be further developed taking into account the Duriseti paper (enclosed) (**SM** and **TV**).

**ACTION:** The framing of the question could go to the conclusions (**JB**).

**ACTION:** The whole chapter to be commented on by **Roy**.

## 6. THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

**ACTION:** To write a text in a narrative format based on the survey results (**PC**). This chapter to be situated before the conclusions.

## 7. DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS

See point 5

## 8. NEXT MEETING – 12 JANUARY 2011

The IRA workshop is scheduled for 15 June 2011 in Brussels.

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.