



Working group meeting on Risk Assessment Improvement (RAI)

Meeting date: 12 January 2011 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

No interests declared.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were adopted

5. DISCUSSION OF THE OPINION TEXT

5.1. Chapter 4;

- to ask RB to review specific passages from the final text.
- to clarify the difference between variability and uncertainty
- instead of a section on the precautionary principle to include a section on uncertainty

5.2. Chapter 5.

- to shorten the text; HG is to edit down the chapter by mid-February.
- to include a case study on formaldehyde which involves both the toxicological and epidemiological approaches;
- BW to comment on UA's case study on air pollution;

- to smoothen the flow of the text in a logical manner with a more balanced and more positive view of risk assessment in general;
- to clarify the difference between risk and hazard;
- to include the health impact assessment in SEA and eco considerations;
- the ecological impact to be contributed by CJ.

5.3. Chapter 6.

- JB to develop the text further;
- to include half a page introduction on the objectives of the chapter;
- to include PC's earlier comments;
- to integrate the issue of "problem formulation";
- to flesh out the conclusions

6. NEXT MEETING – 17 FEB. 2011

In light of PC's departure, a subgroup responsible for the completion of the work was selected (DB, AT, JB, CR, and PC), to be chaired by DB. There is a need to ensure the link to the NRC document.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The IRA workshop is scheduled for 22 June 2011 in Brussels