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Corrigendum

Paragraph 90 should read as follows:

The representative of <u>Chile</u> stressed that it was difficult to follow the discussion on the Internet regarding the REACH guidance documents, as they had not yet been consolidated. It was necessary to have access to the information exchange forums to avoid the increase in costs and pointless laboratory tests. She added that there were still doubts about the definition of the term "article" and although the decision-making criteria were clearer, the potential differences in interpretation by the various EU Member States were a subject of concern. In addition, the list of substances subject to authorization as per Annex XIV had not yet been drawn up. There were only indications of which substances should be included in the list. The prevailing uncertainty was compounded by the proposed modification of Council Directive 67/548/EEC, which would be used as a basis for preparing the list of substances subject to authorization and which would include borates and nickels moving to the Category 2 risk level. She expressed her delegation's interest in participating in training activities in order to facilitate the implementation of REACH.