IPCS (WHO, ILO) COOPERATION ON CONTROL BANDING
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ILO and WHO will work together on Control Banding, primarily under the IPCS banner. Details are provided in the attached diagram and below:

- WHO (Programme on Chemical Safety (PCS)) will provide a coordination point (for example calling meetings between WHO and ILO officers on a regular basis to follow-up work)

- WHO (PCS) will contribute primarily in the technical areas relating to linking to the work on chemical assessment. This would include flow from IPCS chemical assessments to the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), links to the IPCS International Chemical Safety Cards (ICSCs), etc.. The timing of this work will need to be relevant to the implementation process for the GHS. In the intervening period, the ILO toolkit will be using the European Union (EU) phrases.

- WHO (Occupational and Environmental Health (OEH)) and ILO will contribute primarily in piloting and implementation.
  - Eg, WHO will work through its network of occupational health Collaborating Centres in the translation and piloting work (via Marilyn Fingerhut based in the United States at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)).
  - Eg, ILO will maintain the electronic resources, including a webpage on Control Banding containing the ILO toolkit etc, and trialling through some inspectorates/other piloting work as appropriate.

- WHO and ILO will continue to identify international/regional events where Control Banding can be discussed and promoted. The next events identified are: International Commission on Occupational Health Conference in Iguacu Falls and the ILO-International Association of Labour Inspection Workshop in the Dominican Republic (both early 2003).

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COSHH Essentials
(Web, ready to use, R phrases assigned to many chemicals)

draft ILO Toolkit
(GHS classifications not yet available for chemicals, use EU in interim)

WHO CC
Translations

IPCS Chemicals
Assessments

ISCS

GHS R phrases

Country Workplace
Controls/Implementation

Pilot
(WHO CCs, ILO, and countries)

HSE
Partners in global work

IOHA

CC = WHO Collaborating Centres
HSE = UK Health and Safety Executive
IOHA = International Occupational Hygiene Association