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**Emerging policy issues and other issues of concern:
report on progress on emerging policy issues: hazardous
substances within the life cycle of electrical and electronic
products**

**Report by the International Labour Organization on the global
impact of electronic waste: addressing the challenge**

Note by the secretariat

A report by the International Labour Organization on the global impact of electronic waste is available from: www.ilo.org/sector/Resources/publications/WCMS_196105/lang--en/index.htm. The report explores the volumes, sources and flows of electronic waste, the risks it poses to workers and the environment, occupational safety and health issues, labour issues and regulatory frameworks. The report also links this growing global problem with the International Labour Organization's current and future work.

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