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Topics brought forward by CEPE:

- Asked for clarification of the essential use concept, especially in connection with paint etc.
- Inquired about the role the essential use concept plays with regard to substitution/alternatives and as a screening step.
- Proposed to put only prioritised substances from the candidate list for generic restrictions under Article 68(2).

COM's answer

- The essential use concept is based on the criteria for essentiality in the Montreal Protocol and it should be kept in mind that essentiality refers to the function of substances only, never to entire products. In addition, a political discussion about essentiality is anticipated.
- Prioritisation for GRA will happen directly after harmonised classification and will not be moved to a later point in the assessment.
- COM understands that substitutions/alternatives need time to be developed and implemented. Where substitutions are sensible and possible, substitution plans will be instated to tackle this issue. The envisaged work plans should help the industry to plan ahead.