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REPORT

ATTENDANCE

1. The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) held its one-hundred-and-thirty-seventh session from 15 to 18 November 2005 under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Gauvin (France). The following countries were represented, following Rule 1(a) of the Rules of Procedure of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690): Australia; Bulgaria; Canada; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Hungary; India; Indonesia; Ireland; Italy; Japan; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Norway; People's Republic of China; Poland; Republic of Korea; Republic of South Africa; Romania; Russian Federation; Serbia and Montenegro; Slovakia; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Turkey; Ukraine; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America. Representatives of the European Community (EC) participated. The following non-governmental organizations were also represented: International Organization for Standardization (ISO); International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA); International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA); European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA) ^{1/}; European Tyre and Rim Technical Organization (ETRTO); European LPG Association (AEGPL); Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA); International Road Transport Union (IRU); International Confederation of Associations of Experts and Consultants (CIDADEC); Working Party "Brussels 1952" (GTB); Consumers International (CI); Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst (AECC/CEFIC). At the invitation of the secretariat, the Foundation for the Automobile and Society (FIA Foundation) and Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) also participated.

STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE SESSION

2. Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the UNECE Transport Division, informed WP.29 about the General Assembly resolution on improving global road safety, adopted on 26 October 2005, inviting the Regional Commissions to strengthen their activities in improving road safety. He added that the General Assembly had welcomed the proposal from WP.1 for a UN Global Road Safety Week to be held in 2007 and invited the UN Regional Commissions to organize it jointly. The UN Global Road Safety Week will be held on 23-29 April 2007 and will focus on young road users, including young drivers. The Director invited WP.29 to consider how best to contribute to the subject of the Global Week.

3. Mr. Capel Ferrer informed WP.29 that Mr. B. Périsset (Switzerland), Chairman of WP.1, unexpectedly passed away on 16 October 2005. Recognizing his immense contribution to road safety, WP.29 held a minute of silence in memory of Mr. B. Périsset.

^{1/} Representing also Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) and Japan Auto Parts Industries Association (JAPIA) (TRANS/WP.29/885, para. 4).

4. The Chairman thanked the Director and expressed the appreciation of WP.29 for the excellent work of the secretariat, in particular regarding the development and constant maintenance of the WP.29 website that facilitates the work of the delegates by easy access to any document. WP.29 highly appreciated the new electronic distribution of notifications for the administrative procedures of the 1998 Agreement as well as its placement in the WP.29 website.

5. The representative of India announced that his Government had decided to accede to the 1998 Agreement. He added that, as regards the 1958 Agreement some more clarity of its implications was needed to take a final position. He suggested holding future sessions of WP.29 or of its Working Parties in the Asian region. WP.29 welcomed the Indonesian delegation participating in the World Forum's work for the first time.

A. SESSION OF WP.29

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6. The provisional agenda (TRANS/WP.29/1046) was adopted by WP.29 with the modifications noted below:

(i) Corrections and additional documents to agenda items:

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| 5.2.27. | On the title of the Regulation, correct "asymmetrical" to read "symmetrical" (French only); |
| 5.2.29. | add TRANS/WP.29/2005/80/Corr.1 (French only); |
| 6.3.1. and B.2.2.1. | add TRANS/WP.29/2005/97/Corr.1 (English and French only); |
| B.2.6. | delete TRANS/WP.29/2005/53. |

(ii) Additional agenda items:

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| 9.5. | Amendments to Regulation No. 94; |
| 9.6. | Fuel economy development in the United States of America. |

(iii) Deferred items:

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| 5.3.1. to 5.3.4. | New draft Regulations; |
| 5.4.1. and 5.4.2. | Amendments to current Regulations to be adopted after the adoption of the draft Regulation under agenda item 5.3.1.; |
| 7. | Incorporation of established gtrs into national legislation of the Contracting Parties; |
| 9.1.2. | Resolving of interpretation issues; |
| 9.4. | Exchange of views of different regional legislations with regard to the motor vehicle certification procedure. |

For the explanation, see paragraph 10. below.

7. The informal documents distributed during the session are listed in Annex 1 to this report.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

8. In compliance with Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.29/690), WP.29 called the election of officers on Tuesday, 15 November 2005. At the proposal of the representative of the EC, Mr. B. Gauvin (France) and Mr. B. Kisoulenko (Russian Federation) were unanimously re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively for the sessions of the year 2006.

3. COORDINATION AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

3.1. Report of the Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2)

9. The eighty-ninth session of WP.29/AC.2, considering the coordination and organization of work of WP.29, was held on 14 November 2005, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Gauvin (France) and attended by representatives of Canada; European Community (EC); France; Germany; Italy; Japan; Russian Federation; United Kingdom and United States of America.

10. WP.29/AC.2 reviewed the provisional agenda of the current session of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/1046) and recommended the modifications mentioned in paragraph 6. above. Concerning the items deferred, it was noted that:

(a) For items 5.3.1. to 5.3.4. (new draft Regulations), the representative of the EC confirmed that the internal procedures, necessary for a formal adoption, were in progress, although he was still awaiting the authorization to vote on behalf of the EC Member States. WP.29/AC.2 recommended the transmission of WP.29-137-5, concerning agenda item 5.3.3., to WP.29 and AC.1 for consideration at their March 2006 sessions with an official symbol.

(b) Items 5.4.1. and 5.4.2., concerning amendments to the existing Regulations could only be voted after the adoption of the new Regulation mentioned under item 5.3.1.

(c) Items 7. and 9.4., it was recommended to consider them at the March 2006 session.

(d) Item 9.1.2., an informal meeting would be convened on Thursday afternoon, 17 November 2005.

11. WP.29/AC.2 reviewed the forecast made by the secretariat for the WP.29 agenda of the one-hundred-and-thirty-eighth session, to be held in Geneva, from 7 to 10 March 2006. It was noted that twenty-nine amendments to existing Regulations and proposals for the four deferred draft Regulations would be considered at that session. WP.29/AC.2 recommended merging agenda items 7. and 9.4. under a new agenda item "Exchange of views on national/regional rulemaking procedures and implementation of established gtrs into national/regional law".

12. WP.29/AC.2 considered an updated proposal by Japan with amendments to Regulation No. 94 specifying that the Regulation covers offset frontal collision protection only. WP.29/AC.2 was in favour of this principle and recommended its consideration by WP.29 under the new agenda item 9.5.

13. WP.29/AC.2 noted that the secretariat had initiated UNECE internal procedures for subcontracting a feasibility study to establish a database for the exchange of information on type approvals (DETA) granted under the 1958 Agreement. For that purpose, a questionnaire would be distributed to the Contracting Parties to collect data for the technical requirements to establish such a database. WP.29/AC.2 invited the Contracting Parties to collaborate with the consultant in charge of the study, if requested.

14. Regarding the 1998 Agreement, WP.29/AC.2 noted that there were no new gtrs to be established in the Global Registry, but there were requests for the listing of five technical regulations in the Compendium of Candidates. WP.29/AC.2 recommended submitting these requests as well as WP.29-137-12 for consideration to WP.29 and AC.3.

15. With regard to the implementation of the Programme of Work related to the 1998 Agreement, WP.29/AC.2 noted two preliminary reports on the development of gtrs (TRANS/WP.29/2005/93 on head restraints, and TRANS/WP.29/2005/95 on braking of passenger cars), the proposal adopted by AC.3 to develop a gtr concerning the exhaust emissions from non-road mobile machinery - NRMM (TRANS/WP.29/AC.3/14) and WP.29-137-8 concerning the insertion of ABS requirements in the gtr on motorcycle brakes. WP.29/AC.2 recommended submitting all these documents for consideration to WP.29 and AC.3, together with a preliminary status report (WP.29-137-13/Rev.1) regarding the gtr on hydrogen fuel cell vehicles (HFCV), transmitted by the Project Manager.

16. WP.29/AC.2 considered the introduction of options, modules and/or alternative provisions into the prescriptions of gtrs and recommended that AC.3 should clarify the common principles about the possible use of these concepts. WP.29/AC.2 was of the opinion that the question of options or alternative provisions regarding the presence and colour of lighting and light-signalling devices in the draft gtr on the installation of such devices should be considered by AC.3.

17. WP.29/AC.2 recommended the introduction of a new agenda item "Implementation of paragraph 7.1. of the Agreement" for future sessions of AC.3. It was recalled that, according to the provisions of paragraph 7.4. of the Agreement, Contracting Parties that had voted in favour of establishing a gtr should provide a report on the status of the adoption of established gtrs in their domestic process. The first status report on gtr No. 1 should be submitted by 18 January 2006 and on gtr No. 2 by 22 August 2006.

18. Regarding the 1997 Agreement on Periodical Technical Inspections, WP.29/AC.2 noted that the accession by the EC to the Agreement was in the final stage. WP.29/AC.2 recommended that the Administrative Committee AC.4 should not meet during the current session.

19. WP.29/AC.2 recommended the consideration of fuel economy development in the United States of America under the new agenda item 9.6.

20. WP.29 adopted the report of WP.29/AC.2 on its eighty-ninth session and its recommendations.

3.2. Programme of work and documentation

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/1/Rev.2.

21. WP.29 noted the programme of work, prepared by the secretariat, and invited the Chairpersons of the Working Parties to study it and to indicate to the secretariat any corrections or modifications deemed necessary. WP.29 noted the following correction:

Paragraph 1.1.2., insert at the beginning:

"Uniform provisions concerning the approval of adaptive front-lighting systems (AFS) for motor vehicles".

3.3. Draft programme of work for 2006 - 2010

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/96.

22. WP.29 adopted the programme of work for 2006 - 2010 and requested the secretariat to transmit it for approval to the Inland Transport Committee (ITC).

3.4. Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)

Documentation: Informal documents Nos. WP.29-137-6 and WP.29-137-7.

23. Mr. K. Wani, Co-Chairman of the ITS informal group, presented to WP.29 an overview of the documents submitted to the informal group for consideration at its eleventh session, to be held on 18 November 2005. WP.29 noted that ITS documents were available on the WP.29 website.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES, SUBSIDIARY TO WP.29

4.1. Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling devices (GRE)
(Fifty-fourth session, 5-8 April 2005)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRE/54.

24. WP.29 recalled the oral report of the GRE Secretary given during the one-hundred-and-thirty-sixth session (TRANS/WP.29/1041, paras. 37-39), and approved the report.

4.2. Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG)
(Eighty-eighth session, 18-22 April 2005)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/67.

25. WP.29 recalled the oral report of the GRSG Chairman given during the one-hundred-and-thirty-sixth session (TRANS/WP.29/1041, paras. 40-43), and approved the report.

4.3. Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)
(Thirty-seventh session, 23-27 May 2005)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/37.

26. WP.29 recalled the oral report of Ms. J. Abraham, on behalf on the GRSP Chairman, given during the one-hundred-and-thirty-sixth session (TRANS/WP.29/1041, paras. 44-46), and approved the report.

4.4. Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)
(Fiftieth session, 31 May-3 June 2005)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/50.

27. WP.29 recalled the oral presentation given by the GRPE Chairman during the one-hundred-and-thirty-sixth session (TRANS/WP.29/1041, paras. 47-49), and approved the report.

4.5. Highlights of the recent sessions
(Oral reports by the Chairpersons)

4.5.1. Working Party on Noise (GRB)
(Forty-second session, 5-7 September 2005)

28. The GRB Chairman, Mr. D. Meyer, reported on the results achieved by GRB during its forty-second session (for details see the report of the session TRANS/WP.29/GRB/40).

29. The GRB Chairman sought WP.29's consent for establishment of an informal group on Additional Sound Emission Provisions (ASEP) for Regulation No. 51. WP.29 gave its consent.

30. Mr. Meyer informed WP.29 that GRB had adopted the new test method for noise measurement as an Annex to the new Part B of Regulation No. 51. It will be submitted to WP.29 and AC.1 for consideration during their March 2006 sessions.

31. The representative of the United States of America regretted that no presentation on the new test method did take place. It could have facilitated decision whether the new test method should be mandatory or optional. The Chairman of WP.29 recalled that consideration of this issue was planned for the next session in March 2006, when the EC would state its position.

32. The GRB Chairman informed WP.29 that GRB had agreed on the insertion of wet grip requirements into Regulation No. 117 (see para. 36). However, any regional organization e.g. EC, could make it mandatory for its Member States. In addition, GRB had expressed its preference that an approval regarding wet grip requirements should be granted by the same Contracting Party which granted the initial approval for tyre noise emissions.

33. He also announced that he would seek AC.3's consent for the establishment of a new informal group for the elaboration of a gtr on noise.

34. WP.29 noted that Mr. D. Meyer was re-elected as GRB Chairman for the 2006 sessions.

4.5.2. Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)
(Fifty-eighth session, 20-23 September 2005)

35. The Chairman of GRRF, Mr. I. Yarnold, reported on the results made by the group during its fifty-eighth session (for more details see the report of the session TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/58).

36. The GRRF Chairman reported good progress in amending Regulation No. 13 concerning the removal of category M1 vehicles from the scope of the Regulation, updating the units for pressure from bar to kPa, and the consolidation of the text of the 10 series of amendments. He informed WP.29 that GRRF was developing a potentially innovative approach to the testing of Electronic Stability Controls (ESC) systems in heavy-duty vehicles by using computer simulation techniques. The GRRF Chairman sought WP.29's advice on the implementation strategy to be followed by GRRF and GRB regarding the requirements for tyre adhesion (wet grip) to be included into Regulation No. 117. He indicated that GRB had offered an alternative approach to that proposed by GRRF which would only allow approvals either for noise or for noise and wet grip. Following the discussion, WP.29 agreed that the wet grip requirements should be inserted as suggested by GRB.

37. The GRRF Chairman reported good progress in the development of the gtr on motorcycle brakes. He also commented on progress with the passenger car brakes gtr and that the issue of options and modules was raised during the GRRF discussions. He concluded on issues related to the 1998 Agreement by indicating that no progress has been made on the gtr on tyres.

38. On issues relating to the scope of UNECE Regulations, the GRRF Chairman reported that the European Commission's detailed proposal had been well received by GRRF and he hoped for a speedy completion of this work.

39. WP.29 noted that Mr. I. Yarnold was re-elected as GRRF Chairman for the 2006 sessions.

4.5.3. Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE)
(Fifty-fifth session, 3-7 October 2005)

40. The GRE Chairman informed WP.29 about the results of the fifty-fifth session of GRE (for details see the report of the session TRANS/WP.29/GRE/55).

41. He mentioned that 10 draft amendments to UNECE Regulations would be submitted to WP.29 and AC.1 for consideration at their March 2006 sessions. Further amendments to the clarification of scope of 27 Regulations regarding lighting and light-signalling would be submitted to WP.29 for its June 2006 session.

42. With regard to the 1998 Agreement, he reported that GRE was seeking guidelines with regard to resolving the challenge of "options" in global technical regulations (gtr) based on TRANS/WP.29/2005/94 (see paras. 93 and 109).

43. GRE invited all Contracting Parties to the 1998 Agreement to consider undertaking the sponsorship of new gtrs regarding lighting and light-signalling devices.

44. WP.29 noted that Mr. M. Gorzkowski was re-elected as GRE Chairman for the 2006 sessions.

4.5.4. Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG)
(Eighty-ninth session, 11-14 October 2005)

45. The GRSG Chairman reported on the results achieved by GRSG during its eighty-ninth session (for details see the report of the session TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/68).

46. He reported that GRSG had adopted the terms of reference of the informal group on the extension of the scope of Regulation No. 66 (strength of bus superstructure).

47. He informed WP.29 that GRSG had agreed on the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 107.

48. He also informed that the following amendments had been agreed by GRSG: Regulations Nos. 97 (vehicle alarm systems) and 116 (protection of motor vehicles against unauthorized use) regarding the reduction of the time setting for the immobilizer and the use of alternative batteries for vehicle alarm systems, and on Regulations Nos. 35, 60, 61 and 62 clarifying their scope.

49. The Chairman of GRSG informed WP.29 that the group had adopted introductory provisions to the draft Regulation concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the location and identification of hand controls, tell-tales and indicators.

50. Concerning the draft gtr on safety glazing, he said that GRSG was seeking guidance of AC.3 with regard to the inclusion of marking requirements in the draft gtr (see para. 96).

51. WP.29 noted that Mr. A. Erario has been re-elected as Chairman and Mr. M. Matolcsy as Vice-Chairman for the GRSG sessions scheduled for 2006.

5. 1958 AGREEMENT

5.1. Status of the Agreement and of the annexed Regulations, including the latest situation report

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/343/Rev.13/Amend.2.

52. The secretariat presented the updated status document, reflecting the situation on 14 November 2005. WP.29 noted that the amendments to UNECE Regulations adopted at the twenty-ninth session of AC.1 (March 2005) and listed in TRANS/WP.29/343/Rev.13/Amend.1 had entered into force on 9 November 2005.

5.2. Consideration of draft amendments to existing Regulations

53. WP.29 considered the draft amendments under agenda items 5.2.1. to 5.2.32. and recommended to submit them to AC.1 for vote, subject to the corrections mentioned in paras. 54 to 57 below:

54. Agenda item 5.2.11., Regulation No. 37, document TRANS/WP.29/2005/66, align the French version to the English and Russian versions by the insertion of the missing paragraph 3.6.2.

55. Agenda item 5.2.13., Regulation No. 44, document TRANS/WP.29/2005/86, paragraph 8.1.3.1.1.3.2., the reference "ISO DIS 17 373", correct to read "ISO 17 373".

56. Agenda item 5.2.30., draft Regulation on heating systems, document TRANS/WP.29/2005/81, Annex 8, paragraph 1., add at the end " IN MOTOR VEHICLES", paragraph 1.1.6.2., amend to read: " accidental disconnection car occur. directly after or in a cylinder or an additional device shall be installed in, or after the regulator.", and paragraph 2., add at the end " IN MOTOR VEHICLES AND THEIR TRAILERS".

57. Agenda item 5.2.31., Regulation No. 67, document TRANS/WP.29/2005/91, paragraph 6.15.8.2., correct the figure "2500 ± 100 κПа" to read "2700 ± 100 κПа" (Russian text only).

58. Agenda item 5.2.14., Regulation No. 48, document TRANS/WP.29/2005/68, WP.29 agreed that GRE should re-consider paragraph 6.4.7.2. in order to clarify that reversing lamps could be switched on only if the forward vehicle speed does not exceed 10 km/h.

59. Regarding agenda item 5.2.33., Regulation No. 92, document TRANS/WP.29/2005/104, WP.29 agreed not to submit it to vote by AC.1 and to refer it to GRB and GRPE for consideration at their next sessions.

5.3. Consideration of new draft Regulations

60. The consideration by WP.29 of the four new draft Regulations listed under agenda items 5.3.1. to 5.3.4. were deferred (see paras. 6 and 10 above).

5.4. Consideration of draft amendments to draft Regulations to existing Regulations to be adopted after the adoption of the new draft Regulation on uniform provisions concerning the approval of adaptive front-lighting systems (AFS) for motor vehicles.

61. Agenda items 5.4.1. and 5.4.2. were deferred to the March 2006 session (see paras. 6 and 10 above). The representative of OICA requested that agenda items 5.3.1., 5.4.1. and 5.4.2. should be adopted by AC.1 as a package. WP.29 agreed on this request.

6. 1998 AGREEMENT (GLOBAL)

6.1. Status of the Agreement

Documentation: Informal documents Nos. WP.29-137-1 and WP.29-137-14.

62. WP.29 noted WP.29-137-1, reflecting the situation of the Global Agreement on 7 November 2005. In addition, WP.29 also noted that Luxembourg had become a new Contracting Party to the Agreement and that this information would be included in WP.29-137-1/Rev.1 to be prepared by the secretariat. Following the decisions of AC.3, an updated table with the priorities and proposals is reproduced in Annex 2 to this report. The secretariat introduced WP.29-137-14 proposing the layout for the future status document on the situation of the 1998 Agreement. WP.29 delegates were invited to send their comments on this document to the secretariat.

6.2. Consideration of draft global technical regulations

63. WP.29 noted that no draft gtr was submitted to vote.

6.3. Consideration of technical regulations to be listed in the Compendium of Candidates

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/97 and Corr.1; TRANS/WP.29/2005/98; TRANS/WP.29/2005/99; TRANS/WP.29/2005/100; TRANS/WP.29/2005/101; informal document No. WP.29-137-12.

64. WP.29 noted that these requests for listing technical regulations in the Compendium of Candidates would be considered by AC.3.

6.4. Implementation of the 1998 Agreement programme of work by the Working Parties subsidiary to WP.29

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/93; TRANS/WP.29/2005/94; TRANS/WP.29/2005/95; TRANS/WP.29/AC.3/14; informal documents Nos. WP.29-137-8 and WP.29-137-13/Rev.1.

65. WP.29 noted that this item would be considered by AC.3.

7. INCORPORATION OF ESTABLISHED GTRS IN THE NATIONAL LEGISLATION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/53; informal document No. WP.29-137-10.

66. WP.29 confirmed that this agenda item was deferred (see paras. 6 and 10 above). WP.29 agreed to merge agenda items 7. and 9.4. (see para. 11 above). The Chairman reminded WP.29 that presentations by the representatives from the EC, Japan and the United States of America were expected for the March 2006 session and invited the other representatives to inform WP.29 about their administrative structure and procedures for the incorporation of established gtrs into national legislation. The representative of the Russian Federation announced a presentation for a further session.

8. 1997 AGREEMENT (INSPECTIONS)

8.1. Status of the Agreement

Documentation: Informal document No. WP.29-137-2.

67. WP.29 noted the status of the Agreement on 7 November 2005 (WP.29-137-2). The secretariat announced that Belarus and Albania had become Contracting Parties to the Agreement and that this information would be included in WP.29-137-2/Rev.1. The representative of the EC informed WP.29 that the internal procedure for the EC accession to the Agreement was at its final phase.

8.2. Clarification of the 1997 Agreement regarding the International Technical Inspection Certificate.

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/51.

68. The representative of Hungary reiterated his request for clarification of the International Technical Inspection Certificate. WP.29 agreed that AC.4 should consider this issue at its March 2006 session. The representative of the Russian Federation noted TRANS/WP.29/2004/46 should be considered at that session.

69. The representative of Denmark informed WP.29 that an investigation in his country on trailer brake performance had shown very poor results. WP.29 requested GRRF to consider this issue on the basis of a document to be transmitted by the representative of Denmark.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1. Enforcement of type approval and conformity of production standards

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2002/28.

70. WP.29 noted that this item should be considered in connection with the following items.

9.1.1. Rules and recommendations for preparation of standards and regulations

71. WP.29 noted that no new information had been provided on the subject.

9.1.2. Resolving of interpretation issues

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/92; informal documents Nos. WP.29-137-3, WP.29-137-9, WP.29-137-11 and WP.29-137-15.

72. WP.29 confirmed that this agenda was deferred (see paras. 6 and 10 above).

9.1.3. Recall systems applied by various Contracting Parties to the Agreement

73. No new information on the subject was given during the session.

9.1.4. Feasibility of establishing an electronic database for type approval of exchange of information

74. WP.29 noted the information provided by the secretariat to WP.29/AC.2 (see para. 13 above).

9.2. New test method for the measurement of sound emissions of motor vehicles

75. The consideration of this item was postponed to the next session of WP.29.

9.3. International Environmentally Friendly Vehicles (EFV) Conference

76. WP.29 noted the report by the representative of the United Kingdom on the International EFV Conference held in his country on 10 and 11 November 2005. WP.29 congratulated the United Kingdom Government, and all the others involved, for the success of the Conference. It was also noted that the conclusions and the main presentations would be available at the Conference website. The representative of Germany announced that his country would host the next EFV Conference in 2007.

9.4. Exchange of views of different regional legislations with regard to the motor vehicle certification procedure.

77. WP.29 noted that this agenda item was deferred (see paras. 3 and 7 above).

9.5. Japan's application of Regulation No. 94

78. WP.29 recognized that all Contracting Parties applying Regulation No. 94 supported Japan's wish to sign that Regulation in a way that would allow it to retain its national full-frontal impact test. However, the precise wording of the modifications required to the text of Regulation No. 94 to achieve this result had yet to be settled. Japan was invited to transmit a proposal to WP.29 and AC.1 for consideration at their March 2006 sessions. The representative of the United States of America indicated that Japan's proposal could be a step forward towards the possible future development of a comprehensive global technical regulation on frontal impact protection, which would include both a full frontal protection test and an offset frontal protection test.

9.6. Information on fuel economy measures in the United States of America

79. WP.29 followed with interest a presentation by the representative of the United States of America on the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) programme for light trucks. More detailed information on the programme is available in the Federal Register of 30 August 2005, Part II, 49 CFR Part 533 Light Trucks, Average Fuel Economy; Model Years 2008-2011; Proposed Rules.

10. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

80. WP.29 adopted the report, together with the annexes, on its one-hundred-and-thirty-seventh session.

B. SESSIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. 1958 AGREEMENT – THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

1.1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AC.1

81. Of the forty-four Contracting Parties to the Agreement, 37 were represented and established AC.1 for its thirty-first session.

1.2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

82. AC.1 invited Mr. B. Gauvin, Chairman of WP.29, to chair the session.

1.3. DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS – VOTING BY AC.1

83. The result of the vote on the documents submitted to AC.1 is reflected in the following table:

Regulation No.	Subject of the Regulation	Contracting Parties		Document; TRANS/WP.29/....	Voting result: for/against/abstention	Document status	Remark
		applying the Regulation present and voting					
4	Illumination of rear registration plates	37	32	2005/59	32/0/0	Suppl.11 to 00	*/
5	Sealed beam headlamps	36	32	2005/60	32/0/0	Suppl.5 to 02	*/
6	Direction indicators	40	35	2005/61	35/0/0	Suppl.13 to 01	*/
7	Position, stop and end-outline marker lamps	39	34	2005/62	34/0/0	Suppl.10 to 02	*/
14	Safety-belt anchorages	38	33	2005/83	33/0/0	Corr.1 to Rev.3	*/
14	Safety-belt anchorages	38	33	2005/84	33/0/0	Corr.3 to 06	*/
16	Safety-belts	37	32	2005/85	32/0/0	Corr.4 to Suppl.15 to 04	*/
19	Front fog lamps	38	33	2005/63	33/0/0	Suppl.10 to 02	*/
23	Reversing lamps	39	34	2005/64	34/0/0	Suppl.12 to 00	*/
31	Halogen sealed beam headlamps	34	31	2005/65	31/0/0	Suppl.5 to 02	*/
37	Filaments lamps	38	33	2005/66 as amended by para. 54	33/0/0	Suppl.26 to 03	*/
38	Rear fog lamps	38	34	2005/67	34/0/0	Suppl.11 to 00	*/
44	Child restraint systems	31	30	2005/86 as amended by para. 55	30/0/0	Suppl.1 to 04	*/
48	Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices	37	33	2005/68	33/0/0	Suppl.13 to 02	*/
50	Position, stop and direction indicator lamps for motorcycles	37	33	2005/69	33/0/0	Suppl.9 to 00	*/
53	Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices on motorcycles	34	30	2005/70	30/0/0	Suppl.6 to 01	*/
77	Parking lamps	35	32	2005/71	32/0/0	Suppl.9 to 00	*/
87	Daytime running lamps	31	29	2005/72	29/0/0	Suppl.7 to 00	*/
87	Daytime running lamps	31	29	2005/73	29/0/0	Corr.1 to Rev.1	*/
91	Side marker lamps	34	32	2005/74	32/0/0	Suppl.8 to 00	*/
95	Lateral collision	30	29	2005/87	15/0/0	Corr.1 to 02	
98	Headlamps with gas-discharge light sources	33	30	2005/75	30/0/0	Suppl.6 to 00	*/
99	Gas-discharge light sources	32	30	2005/76	30/0/0	Corr.1 to Suppl.2	*/
99	Gas-discharge light sources	32	30	2005/77	30/0/0	Suppl.3 to 00	*/
110	Specific components for CNG	39	34	2005/89	34/0/0	Suppl.4 to 00	*/
112	Headlamps emitting an asymmetrical passing beam	39	34	2005/78	34/0/0	Suppl.5 to 00	*/

Regulation No.	Subject of the Regulation	Contracting Parties		Document; TRANS/WP.29/....	Voting result: for/against/abstention	Document status	Remark
		applying the Regulation present and voting					
113	Headlamps emitting a symmetrical passing beam	39	34	2005/79	34/0/0	Corr.2 to Suppl.2 to 00	*/
115	Specific LPG and CNG retrofit systems	40	34	2005/90	34/0/0	Corr.1 to Suppl.1 to 00	*/
116	Protection against unauthorized use	41	35	2005/80 and Corr.1	35/0/0	Corr.1 to 00	*/
[122]	Draft Regulation on heating systems	43	36	2005/19 and 2005/81, as amended by para. 56	35/0/1	Corr.1 to 00	*/
67	Equipment for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)	33	31	2005/91, as amended by para. 57	31/0/0	Corr.2 to Suppl.2 to 01	*/
[121]	Draft Regulation on hand controls, tell-tales and indicators	43	36	2004/23	35/0/1	Corr.1 to 00	*/

*/ The EC representative voting for the 25 EU Member States

1.4. NEW DRAFT REGULATIONS – VOTING BY AC.1

84. Items deferred (see paras. 6 and 10 above).

2. 1998 AGREEMENT (GLOBAL)

FIFTEENTH SESSION of the Executive Committee (AC.3) of the Agreement

2.1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AC.3

85. The fifteenth session of AC.3 was held on 16 and 17 November 2005. The representatives of twenty Contracting Parties to the Agreement attended the session (Canada, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom, United States of America).

2.2. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS TO BE LISTED IN THE COMPENDIUM OF CANDIDATE GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS – VOTING BY AC.3

2.2.1. United States of America Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard FMVSS No. 108 – Lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/97.

86. Submitted to vote, the request was unanimously adopted by Canada, European Community (voting for Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom), Japan, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa and the United States of America.

2.2.2. United States of America Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard FMVSS No. 135 – Passenger car brake systems

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/98.

87. Submitted to vote, the request was unanimously adopted by Canada, European Community (voting for Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom), Japan, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa and the United States of America.

2.2.3. United States of America Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard FMVSS No. 139 – New pneumatic radial tyres for light vehicles

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/99; informal document No. WP.29-137-12.

88. AC.3 noted the favourable comments by ETRTO on the subject (WP.29-137-12). Submitted to vote, the request (TRANS/WP.29/2005/99) was unanimously adopted by Canada, European Community (voting for Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom), Japan, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa and the United States of America.

2.2.4. United States of America FMVSS No. 205 – Glazing materials

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/100.

89. Submitted to vote, the request was unanimously adopted by Canada, European Community (voting for Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom), Japan, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa and the United States of America.

2.2.5. United States of America FMVSS Nos. 213 and 225 – Child restraints systems and restraint anchorage systems

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2005/101.

90. Submitted to vote, the request was unanimously adopted by Canada, European Community (voting for Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom), Japan, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa and the United States of America.

2.3. PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING PROPOSALS FOR CANDIDATE GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS (GTRS)

91. AC.3 was informed on the progress achieved in developing the proposals for gtrs mentioned in items 2.3.1. to 2.3.15. The updated status of the proposals and priorities for the development of the draft gtrs are shown in the table of Annex 2 to this report. The most important information and comments made in the progress reports are reproduced below:

92. The EC representative suggested to AC.3 that preparatory work in the appropriate Working Party on the corresponding UNECE Regulation would greatly help in the transposition of the gtrs.

93. Agenda item 2.3.1., **installation of lighting and light-signalling devices**. After considering TRANS/WP.29/2005/94, AC.3 instructed GRE to remove from the draft gtr all paragraphs regarding colour and presence of the devices. The draft gtr should include provisions authorizing the Contracting Parties to regulate the presence and colour of the lighting and light-signalling devices.

94. Agenda item 2.3.2., **motorcycle brakes**. The representative of Canada requested the AC.3 guidance regarding ABS testing (WP.29-137-8). During the discussion, it was evident that some countries were opposed to the inclusion of the ABS adhesion utilization test in the draft gtr and others could not accept the gtr without this test. Finally, AC.3 agreed that GRRF should consider the issue at its January 2006 session based on information at hand regarding legal aspects, available resources and technical matters. At that time, GRRF would be in a position to report to AC.3 on the results and the timeline of completion of this gtr. AC.3 would consider these conclusions and take decisions at its March 2006 session.

95. Agenda item 2.3.3., **passenger vehicle brakes**. AC.3 considered the issues that were hindering the progress of the gtr. All representatives agreed that the completion of this gtr was an important step forward for harmonization, but following the discussion, AC.3 proposed to follow a stepwise approach to resolving the key issue on ABS testing. AC.3 took note of the resource implication of parallel activity for passenger car and motorcycles on this point and agreed to suspend, on a temporary basis, work on this gtr, and asked the technical sponsors to prepare a list of pending issues for their consideration by AC.3 at its March 2006 session. AC.3 will note these issues and will decide at a later stage when it is appropriate to GRRF to resume work on this gtr.

96. Agenda item 2.3.4., **safety glazing**. The representative of Germany informed AC.3 on the progress of work of the informal group. A draft gtr would be transmitted for consideration by GRSG at its October 2006. AC.3 could consider it at its March 2007 session. AC.3 agreed that the gtr should not include installation requirements. With regard to markings, AC.3 agreed that the informal group could explore possible approaches to include them in the gtr.

97. Agenda item 2.3.5., **controls and displays**. The representative of Canada stated that with the adopted amendment to the corresponding UNECE draft Regulation, it would be more difficult to develop the gtr. AC.3 followed a presentation by OICA on a study conducted in the American market on the recognition of the symbols proposed in the gtr. Canada could be in a position to submit a revised draft gtr that would take into account the second phase of the study reported by OICA.

98. Agenda item 2.3.6., **pedestrian safety**, AC.3 was informed that the elaboration of the draft gtr had approached its final stage.

99. Agenda item 2.3.7., **gtr No. 1 (door locks and door retention components)**. It was recalled that the deadline for the first status report was 18 January 2006. The representative of the EC informed AC.3 about the initiation of the procedure for the transposition of the gtr into the Community law by amending Regulation No. 11. He said that a proposal had been submitted for consideration by GRSP at its December 2005 session. The EC would provide the status report on behalf of the EC member States that voted in favour of the establishment of gtr No.1 in the Global Registry. The representatives of Canada and Japan informed AC.3 that they had initiated the procedure to incorporate the gtr into their national legislation. The representative of the United States of America informed AC.3 that they have initiated the rulemaking process in November 2004 and that during their rulemaking process, some comments were received. He expected that the gtr would be adopted after some clarifications, which would be reported to the GRSP at its December 2005 session.

100. Agenda item 2.3.8., **head restraints**. AC.3 acknowledged the preliminary report of the informal group (TRANS/WP.29/2005/93) and noted that, for the further development of the gtr, an additional meeting of the informal group could be necessary, since the United States of America agreed to postpone the scheduled informal group meeting on head restraints to permit an additional informal group meeting on pedestrian safety. The United States of America noted this made delay the scheduled completion of the head restraints gtr.

101. Agenda item 2.3.9., **world-wide heavy-duty certification procedure (WHDC)**. AC.3 noted that the final draft gtr would be submitted to GRPE at its January 2006 session, without limit values, and that the proposal would be transmitted to AC.3 for its consideration at its June 2006 session.

102. Agenda item 2.3.10., **gtr No. 2 (world-wide motorcycle emission test cycle (WMTC))**. AC.3 was informed that the informal group would initiate the work on performance requirements.

103. Agenda item 2.3.11., **heavy-duty on-board diagnostics systems (WWH-OBD)**. AC.3 noted that the informal group had made significant progress and that the draft gtr could be transmitted to the June 2006 session of AC.3. The representative of the United States of America

informed AC.3 about the fifteenth anniversary of the Clean Air Act and that useful information was available at its website.

104. Agenda item 2.3.12., **off-cycle emissions (OCE)**. AC.3 was informed that work was in progress.

105. Agenda item 2.3.13., **non-road mobile machinery (NRMM)**. The representative of the United States of America reported on the significant progress in the work of the informal group. The representative of the EC informed AC.3 that the group had identified and analyzed the differences within national legislations.

106. Agenda item 2.5.14., **hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles (HFCV)**. AC.3 was informed on the progress report on the development of the gtr and on the modification in the structure of the informal group (WP.29-137-13/Rev.1).

107. Agenda item 2.5.15., **tyres**. The representative of France presented the possible structure of the gtr consisting of a main part with common requirements plus two alternative modules. He mentioned that the endurance/low pressure test was the most difficult issue to be solved. He said that, in the next session of AC.3, he would provide a more detailed report and said that, in the meantime, the informal group should not meet. AC.3 agreed with the recommendation of the representative of France

2.4. ITEMS ON WHICH THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND DATA SHOULD CONTINUE OR BEGIN

108. Concerning the **world-wide light-duty test procedures (WLTP)**, the Chairman of GRPE clarified that it might be included in the priority programme next year provided that there is a sponsor and a working schedule.

2.5. CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS IN THE DRAFT GTR ON LIGHTING AND LIGHT-SIGNALLING DEVICES

109. AC.3 noted that the issue of options for the draft gtr on lighting and light-signalling devices was considered under agenda item 2.3.1. (see para. 93 above). The representative of the EC drew the attention of AC.3 that in the draft gtrs it should be clearly indicated if options are addressed to the Contracting Parties, to the Technical Services or to the manufacturers.

2.6. LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT

110. AC.3 agreed to consider this at the March 2006 session.

Annex 1

LIST OF INFORMAL DOCUMENTS Nos. WP.29-137-... DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT A
SYMBOL DURING THE ONE-HUNDRED-AND-THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

No.	Transmitted by	Agenda item	Language	Title	Follow- up
1. and Rev.1	Secretariat	6.1.	E	Agreement Concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles -Situation on 7 November 2005	(a)
2. and Rev.1	Secretariat	7.1.	E	Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspections - Situation on 7 November 2005	(a)
3.	CLEPA	9.1.2.	E	Resolving of interpretation issues and requirements for the technical services Proposal for draft amendments to document TRANS/WP.29/2005/92	(a)
4.	European Community	5.2.30.	E	Proposal for a modification to draft Corrigendum 1 (TRANS/WP.29/2005/81) to draft regulation on heating systems	(d)
5.	European Community	5.3.3.	E	Proposal for amendment to the draft regulation concerning the approval of motor vehicles with regard to the forward field of vision	(b)
6.	Japan	3.4.	E	Provisional Agenda for the 11th session of the Informal Group on "ITS"	(a)
7.	Japan	3.4.	E	Notes on the 10th session of the Informal Group on "ITS"	(a)
8.	Canada	6.4. and B.2.3.2.	E	Motorcycle Brake gtr – ABS discussion	(a)

No.	Transmitted by	Agenda item	Language	Title	Follow-up
9.	Japan	9.1.2.	E	Resolving of interpretation issues and requirements for the technical services - Proposal for draft amendments to document TRANS/WP.29/2005/92	(a)
10.	Japan	7.	E	Incorporation of established gtrs in the National Legislation	(c)
11.	Chairman of GRE	9.1.2.	E	Comments regarding TRANS/WP.29/2005/92 - Resolving of interpretation issues and requirements for the technical services	(a)
12.	ETRTO	B.3.3. and B.2.2.3.	E	Compendium for candidates to be considered for future gtr	(a)
13/ Rev.1	Chairman of the Management Group	6.4. and B.2.3.14 .	E	Status report to WP.29/AC.3 regarding the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles gtr-project (HFCV)	(a)
14.	Secretariat	6.1.	E	Agreement concerning the establishing of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles (ECE/TRANS/132 and Corr.1) Done at Geneva on 25 June 1998 - Status of the Agreement of the Global Registry and of the Compendium of Candidates	(a)
15.	OICA	9.1.2.	E	Resolving of interpretation issues. Document TRANS/WP.29/2005/92 OICA observations	(a)

Notes:

- (a) Consideration completed or to be superseded
- (b) Continue consideration at the next session with an official symbol
- (c) Continue consideration at the next session with an informal symbol
- (d) Adopted

Annex 2

STATUS OF THE 1998 AGREEMENT: PRIORITIES AND PROPOSALS

Working Party	Item	Informal group (Yes-No) / Chair	Technical sponsor	Formal proposal TRANS/WP.29/..	Proposal for a draft gtr TRANS/WP.29/..
GRE	Installation of Lighting and Light-Signalling Devices	Yes / Canada	Canada	AC.3/4	GRE/2001/6/Rev.5 <u>o</u> /
GRRF	Motorcycle Brakes	Yes / Canada	Canada	AC.3/3	2005/25 (1st report)
	Passenger Vehicle Brakes	Yes / United Kingdom and United States of America	Japan and United Kingdom	AC.3/10	2005/95 (1st report)
	Tyres	Yes / United Kingdom	France		
GRSG	Safety Glazing	Yes / Germany	Germany	AC.3/9	GRSG/2005/9 <u>u</u> / 2005/49 (1st report)
	Controls and Displays	No	Canada	AC.3/2	GRSG/2004/16 <u>±</u> / 2005/58 (1st report)
GRSP	Pedestrian Safety	Yes / Japan/EC	EC	AC.3/7	GRSP/2005/3 <u>o</u> / 2003/99(1st report)
	Head Restraints	Yes / United States of America	USA	AC.3/13	2005/93 (1st report)
GRPE	World-wide Heavy-Duty Certification Procedure (WHDC)	No	EC	AC.3/8	GRPE/2006/9 <u>o</u> /
	World-wide Motorcycle Emission Test Cycle (WMTC)	Yes / Germany	Germany	AC.3/6	<u>▲</u> /
	Heavy-Duty OBD (WWH-OBD)	Yes / Japan	USA	AC.3/1	GRPE/2006/8 <u>o</u> /
	Off-cycle Emissions (OCE)	Yes / United States of America	USA	AC.3/12	
	Non-road Mobile Machinery (PM test)	Yes / EC	EC	AC.3/14	
WP.29 /AC.3	Hydrogen and fuel cells vehicles (HFCV)	Yes / Germany	Germany, Japan and USA		

o/ GRE will consider an updated proposal in April 2006.

u/ GRSG will consider a revised proposal in April 2006

±/ GRSG will consider a revised proposal in April 2006

o/ GRSP will consider an updated proposal in December 2005

o/ Documents to be considered in 2006 and afterwards will bear the symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.29/.....

▲/ Establishment of limit values for gtr No. 2 are under consideration by the informal group.
