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AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSAL FOR 04 SERIES OF AMENDMENTS TO
REGULATION No. 48

(Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices)

Submitted by the representative of Japan

Note: The text reproduced below has been submitted by the representative of Japan in order to suggest a counter-proposal to the footnote 8/ of the text of the proposal for the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2006/88). It is based on informal document No. WP.29-140-9 presented at the one-hundred-and-fortieth session of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29). It is submitted to WP.29 and to the Administrative Committee (AC.1) for consideration.

A. PROPOSAL

Paragraphs 6.19., 6.19.1. and footnote 8/, amend to read:

"6.19. DAYTIME RUNNING LAMP (Regulation No. 87) ~~[^{8/}]~~ [^{8/}]

6.19.1. Presence

Mandatory on motor vehicles. Prohibited on trailers.

~~[8/ — The presence of this device (as specified in paragraph 5.22.) may be forbidden on the basis of national regulations."]~~

[8/ The Contracting Parties not applying Regulation No. 87 may prohibit the presence of DRL (as specified in paragraph 5.22.) on the basis of national regulations.]

B. JUSTIFICATION

1. It is essential to facilitate the harmonization of technical regulations by UNECE, and Japan fully supports this concept under the 1958 Agreement. However, it is also important to take into consideration each Contracting Party's environmental or road traffic conditions.

2. As reported by GRE-53-8, the intensity of Daytime Running Lamp (DRL) prescribed in Regulation No. 87 is not appropriate for the current Japanese road and environmental traffic conditions in view of the impairment of conspicuity of motorcycles or possible glare. Japan has not yet adopted Regulation No. 87 with the current prescribed intensity.

3. Therefore, Japan proposes the footnote be amended so that Regulation No. 87, DRL mandatory presence and its installation requirements would only be applied by the Contracting Parties applying the Regulation, which recognize the safety benefits in their own nations.

4. The only pertinent message in this footnote should be that Contracting Parties who do not apply Regulation No. 87 are allowed to prohibit the presence of lamps described by Regulation No. 87.
