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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE NINETY-SECOND SESSION ^{1 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 14.30 h on Monday, 16 April 2007 and concluding at 12.30 h on Friday, 20 April 2007

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I. INFORMAL MEETINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GRSG SESSION PROPER

(a) Meeting of the GRSG informal group on development of the Horizontal Regulation

To be held on Monday morning, 16 April 2007, from 9.30 h to 12.30 h. The agenda of the meeting will be prepared by the secretariat of the informal group and distributed to the members of the group prior to the meeting. This informal meeting will be held without interpretation.

(b) <u>Meeting of the GRSG informal group on the global technical regulation (gtr) on safety</u> glazing

To be held on Monday morning, 16 April 2007, from 9.30 h to 12.30 h. The agenda of the meeting will be prepared by the secretariat of the informal group and distributed to the members of the group prior to the meeting. This informal meeting will be held without interpretation.

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. BUSES AND COACHES

2.1.	<u>Regulation No. 66</u> (Strength of superstructure)	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, paras. 3, 4 and 6 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2006/22 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/2
2.2.	<u>Regulation No. 107</u> (M_2 and M_3 vehicles)	
2.2.1.	Proposals for further amendments	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, paras. 9, 10 and 12 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2006/31
2.2.2.	<u>Sleeper coaches</u>	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, paras. 13 and 14 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/3 (GRSG-89-9) <u>*/</u> (GRSG-90-2) <u>*/</u>
2.2.3.	Safety of wheelchair users in vehicles	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 15 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2006/7 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2006/7/Add.1 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/4
2.2.4.	Lighting to assist boarding and alighting of passengers	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 16 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/5 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/15

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2.2.5. Laminated safety glazing
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ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, paras. 17 and 18 (GRSG-89-10) */ (GRSG-89-24) */ (GRSG-89-24) */ (GRSG-89-32) */ (GRSG-91-7) */ (GRSG-91-7) */ (GRSG-91-20) */
2.2.6. Fire safety in buses
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, paras. 19 and 20

paras. 19 and 20 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/6 (GRSG-89-23) <u>*/</u> (GRSG-90-5) <u>*/</u> (GRSG-90-32) <u>*/</u> (GRSG-91-10) */

- 2.2.7. Frontal collision of buses ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 21 2.2.8. Requirements for service doors, windows and ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, emergency exits paras. 22 and 23 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/7 2.2.9. Provisions for driver's workplace ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 24 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2006/10 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/8 2.3. Regulation No. 118 (Burning behaviour of ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 25 materials) GRSG-91-19 **/ (GRSG-90-16) */
- 3. AMENDMENTS TO OTHER REGULATIONS UNDER THE 1958 AGREEMENT

3.4.

- 3.1. <u>Regulation No. 18</u> (Protection of vehicles against unauthorized use)
- 3.2. <u>Regulation No. 34</u> (Fire risks)
- 3.3.Regulation No. 43 (Safety glazing)ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 32
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/9

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 28

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2006/26

ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1056, para. 41 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 29

Regulation No. 46 (Devices for indirect ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70,

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	vision)	paras. 34 to 37 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/10 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/11 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/14 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/16 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2006/101) <u>*</u> / (GRSG-89-26) <u>*</u> /
3.5.	Regulation No. 58 (Rear underrun protection)	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, paras. 38 and 39 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/12 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2007/13 (GRSG-91-15) <u>*/</u>
3.6.	<u>Regulation No. 116</u> (Protection of motor vehicles against unauthorized use)	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, paras. 28 and 41
3.7.	<u>Regulation No. 121</u> (Hand controls, tell-tales and indicators)	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 42
4.	DRAFT REGULATIONS UNDER THE 1958 AGREEMENT	
4.1.	<u>Regulation on the forward field of vision of</u> <u>drivers</u>	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 43 (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2002/9) <u>*/</u> (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2005/18) <u>*/</u>
4.2.	<u>Horizontal Regulation</u> (Country codes, vehicle categories and definitions)	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1056, paras. 42 and 43 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, paras. 44 to 46 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2006/34 (GRSG-91-1) <u>*/</u> (GRSG-91-4) <u>*/</u> (GRSG-91-16) <u>*/</u>
5.	1998 AGREEMENT	
5.1.	Draft gtr on safety glazing	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1056, paras. 66 and 98 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 47
5.2.	Draft gtr on identification of controls, tell- tales and indicators	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1056, para. 99 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, paras. 42, 48 and 49 (GRSG-91-34) <u>*/</u> (GRSG-91-37) <u>*/</u>

6. OTHER BUSINESS

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6.1.	Events data recorder (EDR)	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, paras. 50 and 51
6.2.	Increasing fire risk on heavy-duty vehicles	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1050, para. 18 ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 53 GRSG-90-22 <u>**</u> /
6.3.	Transport and security related to vehicles	ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/70, para. 55

*/ Documents in brackets would not be considered at the session. They are on the agenda for reference purpose only.

**/ Experts are kindly requested to bring their copies of the informal documents mentioned.

III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with Chapter III, Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.29/690) of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

- 2. BUSES AND COACHES
- 2.1. <u>Regulation No. 66</u> (Strength of superstructure)

GRSG agreed to resume consideration of the proposal by the Chairman of the informal group concerning re-introduction of the deleted footnote from the scope of the Regulation, allowing the exclusion of certain categories of vehicles from the scope of the Regulation. GRSG also agreed to consider the proposal by Spain, aligning the mandatory scope of the Regulation with that of Annex IV of the European Union (EU) Directive 2001/85/EC and allowing granting type approvals, at the request of the manufacturer, to other classes of vehicles not covered by the mandatory scope. GRSG may wish to be informed about the results of the third meeting of the informal group.

- 2.2. <u>Regulation No. 107</u> (M_2 and M_3 vehicles)
- 2.2.1. Proposals for further amendments

GRSG agreed to continue consideration of the proposal by the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) suggesting to modify the current marking of M_2 and M_3 vehicles to avoid their overload. GRSG may wish to consider an updated proposal by Germany, clarifying the location of escape hatches, as well as a new proposal by France concerning the fitting of safety belts in the upper floor of vehicles without roof, if available.

2.2.2. <u>Sleeper coaches</u>

GRSG agreed to continue consideration of a proposal by Denmark on possible ways to ensure sufficient protection of lying passengers in sleeper coaches in the case of fire, frontal collision and rollover accidents. GRSG experts were invited to transmit concrete proposals for vehicles equipped with berths.

2.2.3. Safety of wheelchair users in vehicles

GRSG agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of the proposals by the informal group and Germany.

2.2.4. Lighting to assist boarding and alighting of passengers

GRSG agreed to consider an updated joint proposal by Sweden and OICA, a proposal by Germany and an alternative proposal by the United Kingdom, if available.

2.2.5. Laminated safety glazing

GRSG expects a presentation by the United Kingdom on the measures preventing passengers' ejection through windows. The expert from the United States of America may wish to inform GRSG about the requirements for hinged windows in his country.

2.2.6. Fire safety in buses

GRSG agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of a proposal by Germany regarding the installation of a fire alarm device in the engine compartment. As regards automatic extinguishing systems in the engine compartment, GRSG might wish to be informed about the results of French studies as well as to consider a document by the Russian Federation on elaboration of a national standard, if available. GRSG expects a presentation by the expert from the United States of America on the rulemaking process in his country on fire safety requirements.

2.2.7. Frontal collision of buses

GRSG agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of a proposal for further steps to be taken, before proposing amendments to the existing Regulations, as well as bus accident data, both to be provided by the expert from Hungary. GRSG expects a participation of a representative from the European Enhanced Vehicle Safety Committee (EEVC).

2.2.8. Requirements for service doors, windows and emergency exits

GRSG agreed to continue consideration of the proposal by Germany. In addition, GRSG agreed to consider an updated proposal by the Netherlands, if available.

2.2.9. Provisions for driver's workplace

GRSG may wish to consider the proposals by France and Germany as well as any further proposal on this subject, if available.

2.3. <u>Regulation No. 118</u> (Burning behaviour of materials)

GRSG agreed to consider GRSG-91-19, a presentation by the expert from Sweden on fire safety in buses. In addition, GRSG may wish to consider a proposal by the expert from Sweden for amendments to the Regulation, if available.

3. AMENDMENTS TO OTHER REGULATIONS UNDER THE 1958 AGREEMENT

3.1. <u>Regulation No. 18</u> (Protection of vehicles against unauthorized use)

GRSG agreed to consider an updated proposal by France on requirements for electrical parking brakes to be also used as devices to prevent unauthorised use. If this updated proposal is available, the proposal of ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2006/26 will not be considered.

3.2. <u>Regulation No. 34</u> (Fire risks)

GRSG agreed to continue the consideration of possible limitation of vehicle fuel tank capacity. In addition, GRSG may wish to consider a new proposal by OICA on provisions for fuel tanks to be approved as separate technical units, if available.

3.3. <u>Regulation No. 43</u> (Safety glazing)

GRSG agreed to resume consideration of the proposal by France.

3.4. <u>Regulation No. 46</u> (Devices for indirect vision)

GRSG agreed to resume consideration of the proposals by Germany, clarifying the scope of the Regulation, and by the Netherlands, concerning the field of vision of a Class VI mirror. GRSG also agreed to consider a proposal by the Netherlands, suggesting corrections to ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2006/101, concerning the determination of ocular points, as well as a new proposal by Japan on further development of the Regulation, if available. GRSG may wish to consider a new proposal by the expert from the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA), suggesting to insert into the Regulation requirements for Class VII mirrors, intended for L category vehicles, along with provisions for installation of rear-view mirrors on L category vehicles fitted with bodywork.

3.5. <u>Regulation No. 58</u> (Rear underrun protection)

GRSG agreed to consider the updated proposal by the European Commission (EC) and France, taking into account the cost-benefit analysis to be provided by the EC, if available. GRSG might wish to consider a new proposal by Japan with regard to the effective surface area of rear underrun protection devices.

3.6. <u>Regulation No. 116</u> (Protection of motor vehicles against unauthorized use)

GRSG may wish to consider a new proposal by France, if available.

3.7. <u>Regulation No. 121</u> (Hand controls, tell-tales and indicators)

GRSG might wish to consider a new proposal by OICA for paragraph 5.4.1. of the Regulation, if available.

- 4. DRAFT REGULATIONS UNDER THE 1958 AGREEMENT
- 4.1. <u>Regulation on the forward field of vision of drivers</u>

GRSG agreed to resume consideration of this subject on the basis of concrete proposals by India and the United Kingdom as well as an updated proposal by Japan, if available.

4.2. <u>Horizontal Regulation</u> (Country codes, vehicle categories and definitions)

Following the WP.29 consent for the establishment of an informal group on development of the draft Horizontal Regulation under the chairmanship of the expert from the EC, GRSG should consider a proposal by the expert from the EC for terms of reference and rules of procedure of this informal group, if available. GRSG may wish to be informed about the results of the first meeting of this informal group, to be held prior to the GRSG session proper. GRSG may wish to clarify the experts' positions concerning the inclusion or non-inclusion of category L_6 and L_7 vehicles in the draft Horizontal Regulation, the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) and the Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement.

5. 1998 AGREEMENT

5.1. Draft gtr on safety glazing

GRSG may wish to be informed by the Chairman of the informal group on the group's progress of work. GRSG will be informed about the considerations of the Executive Committee (AC.3) at its March 2007 session concerning markings in gtrs.

5.2. Draft gtr on identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators

GRSG agreed to consider an updated draft gtr by Canada, when available.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1. Events data recorder (EDR)

GRSG might wish to be informed about French and Japanese studies on events data recorders.

6.2. Increasing fire risk on heavy-duty vehicles

Following the WP.29 request, GRSG will consider the increasing fire risk on heavy-duty vehicles as well as on vehicles of categories M_2 , M_3 and O. GRSG may wish to be informed about the work in the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) on tyre pressure monitoring systems.

6.3. Transport and security related to vehicles

GRSG experts were invited to reflect on vehicle security issues and present their ideas to GRSG for consideration.

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