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## <u>Proposal for Corrigendum 1 to the 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16</u> (Safety-belts)

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the Russian Federation as a follow-up of the discussion during WP.29 November 2008 session, regarding the voluntary requirement for the installation of safety-belts in Class II buses. The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation, including the 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/106 and Amend.1), are marked in bold or strikethrough characters.

## A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 8.1.1., amend to read:

"8.1.1. With the exception of seating intended solely for use when the vehicle is stationary, the seats of vehicles of categories M<sub>1</sub>, M<sub>2</sub> (of Class III or B \*/), M<sub>3</sub> (of Class III or B \*/) and N shall be equipped with safety-belts or restraint systems which satisfy the requirements of this Regulation.

Contracting Parties applying this Regulation, may demand the installation of safety belts on M<sub>2</sub> and M<sub>3</sub> vehicles belonging to Class II. Any Contracting Party doing so shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of its intention. Such notification or modification thereto shall have effect in accordance with the time scales laid down in Article 1, paragraphs 6. and 7. of the 1958 Agreement (E/ECE/324 – E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.2).

When fitted, The safety belts and/or restraint systems if fitted in Class I, II or A vehicles belonging to category  $M_2$  or  $M_3$  have to be in compliance with the requirements of this Regulation.

Contracting Parties may, under national law, allow the installation of safety belts or restraint systems other than those covered by this Regulation provided that they are intended for disabled people.

Restraint systems complying with the provisions of Regulation No. 107, 01 series of amendments, Annex 8, are exempted from the provisions of this Regulation.

Class I, or A vehicles belonging to category M<sub>2</sub> or M<sub>3</sub> may be fitted with safety belts and/or restraint systems conforming to the requirements of this Regulation."

## B. JUSTIFICATION

The crossed out subparagraphs are redundant. According to 1958 Agreement the voluntary requirements are subject to the national legislation. The Agreement does not require the Contracting Parties to inform the Secretary General about application of voluntary requirements.

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