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IPIECA position on the outcome of the GRPE informal group on Fuel Quality (FQ)

IPIECA wants to make clear to the secretariat what its position going forward is on the outcome of this process. IPIECA has been able to agree with OICA that it would be useful to put in place a guideline for developing countries on Lead and Sulphur for Euro II to Euro IV (the latter being the remit of the informal group). IPIECA also agrees with OICA that the best way to do this would be to codify these guidelines in Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3). In this respect, IPIECA is willing to continue to work constructively with OICA to make that happen.

IPIECA is pessimistic that OICA and IPIECA will be able to go any further than the above in this process. There are many areas of disagreement, however a major area of concern for the fuels industry is that it does not believe it appropriate that national or supra-national specifications or directives (e.g. the European Fuel Directive) should be codified in a UN context either explicitly or implicitly. Therefore, IPIECA does not support an extension or renewal of the mandate of the informal group on FQ and, instead, suggests that any further initiative be pursued in the normal way with the Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement.
