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Proposal for Supplement 6 to the 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16 (Safety-belts)

Submitted by the expert from the Netherlands *

The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the Netherlands aimed at clarifying the provisions for the approval of "general-use" safety-belts. The modifications to the current text of UN Regulation No. 16 are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2012–2016 (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 94 and ECE/TRANS/2012/12, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

I. Proposal

Paragraph 7.7.1., amend to read:

"7.7.1. The belt assembly shall be mounted on a trolley equipped with the seat and the **general anchorages** as defined in Annex 6 to this Regulation. However, if the belt assembly is intended ... the maximum number of real anchorage points."

Annex 1B, item 12, amend to read:

"12. Approval granted/refused/extended/withdrawn² for **fixation to the general use anchorage positions as defined in Annex 6 to this Regulation**/for use in a ~~particular~~ **specific** vehicle or in ~~particular~~ **specific** types of vehicles^{2,4} "

II. Justification

1. The current proposal aims to clarify the term "**general use**"-safety-belt (Annex 1B, item 12).
2. The expert from the Netherlands had noted that the current understanding of "**general use**"-safety belt is misleading and suggests an allowance of installation that does not exist.
3. Type approved safety-belts of this kind, should be attached to the anchorage point according to the coordinates specified in Annex 6 of this Regulation; an installation outside these coordinates is not permitted.
4. The current proposal aims at providing clearer wording and a better correspondence between paragraph 7.7.1. and the Communication sheet/approval certificate.
