

Information on initial UNECE and UNSG's Envoy for road safety consultations on possible industry self-commitment on minimum safety

A. Introduction

1. Taking account of the objectives of the Decade of Action for Road Safety and the Sustainable Development Goal 3.6 on road safety, the UNECE secretariat together with the UNSG's Envoy for Road Safety worked on consultations on possible industry self-commitment on minimum safety.

B. Objectives

2. The objective of this consultation is to convince the automotive sector to eliminate geographical differences in term of minimal safety performance, using:

- a common set of basic UN Vehicle Regulations
- for all vehicles in road traffic (cars – PTWs – trucks & buses)
- covering active safety, passive safety and general safety

3. Such basis for a self-commitment should be a voluntary and smart basis addressing both road safety objectives and imperatives of the automotive sector. This basis for a self-commitment specific for enhancement of road safety could contain stepwise approach for compliance with the basic UN Vehicle Regulations taking account that a percentage of the sales volume (e.g. 5%) would not be subject to this self-commitment as some models could not met performance criteria of UN Regulations (model end of life) and also differentiate new vehicle types from existing type, as it is often done in "transitional provisions" in UN Regulations. E.g.:

- new vehicles types: by 2018 95% sold worldwide comply...
 by 2020 99% comply...
- existing vehicle types: by 2020 95% sold worldwide comply and
 by 2022 99% comply...

...with a list of UN Regulations dealing e.g. with safety belts, ESC, ABS, CRS etc.