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The 190th session of WP.29 was held in person only.

The representative of Canada advised that the next ESV Conference will be jointly hosted by Canada and NHTSA in Canada (location to be defined) and invited industry to participate as exhibitor.

The Chair of WP.29 invited delegations to provide input on the ECE Road Safety Action Plan 2023 – 2030, he also requested that the delegations reflect on the possible establishment of a task force

WP.29 adopted 11 amendments to UN Regulations under the remit of GRSP



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Highlights of AC.3 June 2023 session

Referring to the endorsement of WP.29 of the new priority given to the protection of children left in cars, the representative of Australia underlined the relevance of this topic and suggested the development of a UN GTR on this topic. The representative of the United States of America stated the urgency of this topic and that this matter was a priority for the administration of his country. However, he stated that the development of UN GTR at this stage was premature and recommended to plan this activity in adherence to the provisions established by the Agreement: (a) collect statistical data at the national level, (b) recommend Contracting Parties to submit their national standards/legislations for being established in the Compendium of candidates as basis for the development of UN GTR and (c) finally develop a thorough authorization to develop the work to be endorsed by AC.3 and addressed by AC.3 to the competent GR.

The complete report will be available at WP.29 website under the official symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1173 .



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Highlights of WP.29 November 2023 session

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The secretariat introduced WP.29 actions in the framework of the global plan for the decade of action for road safety 2021-2030, reproducing the recommended actions of the global plan to ensure vehicle safety and traceability of WP.29 and its subsidiary bodies actions: (a) development of UN Regulations and UN GTRs and UN Rules (b) performance indicators and (c) progress made. Moreover, the secretariat of WP.29 introduced the UNECE Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030 and it was requested to Contracting Parties to provide feedback as soon as possible.

WP.29 adopted 22 amendments to UN Regulations under the remit of GRSP. Moreover WP.29 noted that the draft proposal for Supplement 1 to the 10 series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 17 would need further review by GRSP at its December 2023 session and thus recommended not to submit ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2023/115 to AC.1 for voting.

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Concerning the IWG on UN GTR No. 13 Phase 2 on the proposal of AC.3 the Committee agreed to extend the mandate of the IWG until June 2024 to complete a proposal for a corrigendum to the Amendment 1 to the UN GTR No. 13.

On UN GTR No. 20 (Electric Vehicles Safety (EVS)) The representative of the United States of America informed AC.3 that a status report of the IWG on EVS would be provided at the December 2023 session of GRSP and requested an extension of the mandate. However, no agreement was reached on the extension and AC.3 agreed to convene a special AC.3 session (virtual) during the week 18-22 December 2023. Finally, the secretariat fixed this special session on 20 December.

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Concerning Children left in vehicles the representative of Australia introduced a summary of key points concerning information and statistics on the issue of children left in vehicles submitted by a number of concerned parties. The same concerned parties urged action. AC.3 reiterated its recommendation stated at its June 2023 session and recommended GRSP and concerned subsidiary bodies to provide technical feedback on this subject at their future sessions.

GRSP 75th session will be held on 27-31 May 2023. Deadline for submission of official documents on 04 March 2023.