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Request for consultative status

Note by the secretariat*

1. The secretariat has received from the World Bicycle Industry Association (WBIA) the following request of consultative status with the Working Party, which the Working Party may wish to consider:

"WBIA would like to kindly request permission for delegates of the World Bicycle Industry Association, hereafter called WBIA, to participate in the WP.15 meetings in a consultative capacity.

The World Bicycle Industry Association was founded in December 2017 and is a nongovernmental and non-profit organisation which represents the bicycle, e-bike and bicycle parts and accessories industry at global level. The Bicycle Association Japan (BAJ), the Bicycle Products Suppliers Association based in the US (BPSA), the Confederation of the European Bicycle Industry (CONEBI) and the Taiwan Bicycle Association (TBA) are its founding members, and its main purpose is to join forces, cooperate at world level on the development of vehicle regulations, to actively participate in the technical meetings organised by the UNECE as well as by the other international organisations. The WBIA is legally registered in Hergiswil, Switzerland, with UID number CHE-188.404.207. Its statutes and its proof of registration were attached to my previous email."

2. At the 115th session, a representative of WBIA already presented the groups' activities and indicated their interest in participating in sessions of the Working Party.

3. More information may be found on their website (https://www.wbia.ch/).



^{*} A/78/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.5.