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Relationship between of EFV International Conference and WP.29

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In the EFV International Conference, the scope of discussion is the Next-Generation EFV whose practical utilization is aimed around 2015-2020, and it aims to accelerate the development of Next-Generation EFV by forming the consensus among the delegations from member countries on;

- 1) What type of vehicles should be the concept of Next-Generation EFV to be developed
- 2) What should be the target of the environmental performance which the Next-Generation EFV is supposed to aim at

While in WP.29, we understand that it is expected to set the scope of EFV whose practical utilization is aimed in the very near future for the subject of international regulations, and to discuss the measurement procedure, level of requirement and such of the emission. Furthermore, if the international harmonization of emission measurement procedure currently proceeded such as WHDC and WMTC is achieved at an early stage, it would lightens the burden of the vehicle manufacturers, and development of EFVs be accelerated.

Accordingly, in cooperation with this EFV international conference and WP29, we expect that the measures for vehicle environment will be promoted in a wide range of the EFV, which will be shortly introduced and the Next-Generation EFV to be developed in the future.