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REPORT

ATTENDANCE

1. The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) held its one-hundred-and-thirty-first session from 11 to 14 November 2003, under the chairmanship of Mr. V. Kutenev (Russian Federation). The following countries were represented, following Rule 1(a) of the Rules of Procedure of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690): Australia; Austria; Canada; Czech Republic; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Hungary; India; Ireland; Italy; Japan; Latvia; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Norway; People's Republic of China; Poland; Portugal; Republic of Korea; Romania; Russian Federation; Saudi Arabia; Serbia and Montenegro; Slovakia; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; Ukraine; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America. Representatives of the European Union (EU) participated. The following non-governmental organizations were also represented: International Organization for Standardization (ISO); International Touring Alliance (AIT); International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA); International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA); European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA) ^{1/}; European Tyre and Rim Technical Organization (ETRTO); Working Party "Brussels 1952" (GTB); European LPG Association (AEGPL); Consumers International (CI); Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA); International Confederation of Associations of Experts and Consultants (CIDADEC); American Motorcyclist Association (AMA); International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee (CITA). At the invitation of the Chairman, the Foundation for the Automobile and Society (FIA) also participated.

OPENING AND THE STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE SESSION

2. Mr. J. Capel Ferrer, Director of the UNECE Transport Division, opened the session and welcomed the delegates, especially the representative of Saudi Arabia, who was participating for the first time in the work of WP.29. He confirmed that the Round Table on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) would be held in the afternoon of 18 February 2004 in the framework of the sixty-sixth Inland Transport Committee session and outlined the importance of ITS, not only increasing vehicles' safety but also avoiding additional safety risks. He thanked Mr. K. Wani and Mr. B. Gauvin (Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the informal group on ITS) for their excellent work in the preparation of the Round Table. For the follow-up to the Round Table, he offered the full support of the secretariat in order to absorb the work in whatever organizational forum is deemed appropriate. Addressing items of concern, he encouraged the removal of the obstacles that had prevented WP.29 from adopting six new draft Regulations under the 1958 Agreement, one of which has been pending since the year 2000. With regard to the 1998 Global Agreement, the Director stressed that the swift development of global technical regulations (gtrs) was politically very important for WP.29. He hoped that proposals for draft gtr's would be adopted soon, possibly in 2004. Concerning the 1997 Agreement, Mr. Capel Ferrer encouraged the Administrative Committee AC.4 to adopt the necessary amendments that would facilitate the accession of the

^{1/} Representing also Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) and Japan Auto Parts Industries Association (JAPIA) (TRANS/WP.29/885, para. 4).

European Union and its Member States to the Agreement. He informed WP.29 that a definitive decision concerning the new P-4 post, foreseen for dealing with the 1998 Agreement, was going to be taken in the next few weeks in the context of the budget discussions in the General Assembly and considered it important that the Contracting Parties continue to support the allocation of the new post through their Permanent Missions in New York.

A. SESSION OF WP.29

0. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. The provisional agenda (TRANS/WP.29/952) was adopted by WP.29 with the modifications noted below:

(i) Additional and amendment of agenda items

0. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2004

4.2.40. Regulation No. 89 (Speed limitation devices)

8.4. Proposal for involving electronic stability enhancement systems in the regulatory scheme.

(ii) Additional documents:

Item 4.2.38. document TRANS/WP.29/2003/71/Corr.1

Item 4.3.5. document TRANS/WP.29/2002/67/Rev.1/Corr.1

Item B2.1.2.8. document TRANS/WP.29/2003/98/Corr.1

(iii) Deferred items (for justifications see para. 6. below):

Item 4.2.36. Regulation No. 103 (draft Supplement 2)

Item 4.2.38. Regulation No. 107 (draft Supplement 1 to the 01 series)

Items 4.3.1. to 4.3.6. New draft Regulations

Item 4.4.1. Regulation No. 18 (outstanding proposal).

Items 4.4.2. and 4.4.3. Regulation No. 67 (outstanding proposals)

Items 4.5.1. and 4.5.2. Amendments to draft Regulations

4. The documents distributed without a symbol during the session are listed in annex 1 to this report.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2004

5. In compliance with Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.29/690), WP.29 called the election of officers on Wednesday 12 November 2003. WP.29 unanimously re-elected Mr. V. Kutenev (Russian Federation) Chairman and Mr. B. Gauvin (France) Vice-Chairman for the sessions scheduled for the year 2004.

2. COORDINATION AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

2.1. Report of the Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2)

6. The eighty-third session of WP.29/AC.2, considering the coordination and organization of work of WP.29, was held on 10 November 2003, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Gauvin (France) and attended by representatives of the European Union (EU); France; Germany; Italy; Japan; Russian Federation; United Kingdom; United States of America.

7. WP.29/AC.2 reviewed the provisional agenda of the current session of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/952) and recommended the modifications (see para. 3. above). Concerning the items deferred, it was noted that:

(a) For item 4.2.36., the representative of the EU confirmed that this document should be deferred either to GRPE or to the March 2004 sessions of WP.29 and AC.1.

(b) For item 4.2.38., the GRSG Chairman confirmed that this document should be referred back to GRSG, because it was included in a proposal under consideration by GRSG.

(c) For items 4.3.1. to 4.3.6. (new draft Regulations), the representative of the EU confirmed that the internal procedures necessary for a formal adoption were in progress, but he was still awaiting the authorization to vote on behalf of the EU Member States.

(d) For item 4.4.1., concerning Regulation No. 18, no agreement had yet been reached in the EU. It was recalled that these amendments could only be voted on together with the new draft Regulation on the protection of motor vehicles against unauthorized use (item 4.3.1.).

(e) For items 4.4.2. and 4.4.3., concerning Regulation No. 67, the representative of the EU announced that documents TRANS/WP.29/2001/61 and TRANS/WP.29/2003/39 have not yet been cleared for voting by the EU Member States.

(f) For items 4.5.1. and 4.5.2., concerning amendments to new draft Regulations, it was agreed that these amendments could only be voted on after the adoption of the new Regulations (items 4.3.4. and 4.3.3.).

8. WP.29/AC.2 recommended that agenda item 4.2.29. (Regulation No. 83) should be considered without informal document No. 15, and suggested that the latter be transmitted to GRPE for further consideration. WP.29/AC.2 also recommended that the draft amendment to Regulation No. 95 (agenda item 4.2.33.), should be considered by WP.29, despite the OICA suggestion for it to be deferred (informal document No. 13). Concerning the proposal for a Corrigendum to the 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 89 (informal document No. 12), WP.29/AC.2 recommended that it should be transmitted to GRRF for its consideration.

9. WP.29/AC.2 considered the programme of work of WP.29 and its subsidiary bodies (TRANS/WP.29/2003/1/Rev.2) and agreed that the presentation of this document should be revised. For that purpose, the secretariat was requested to prepare, for the next WP.29/AC.2 session in March 2004, a proposal for a new format for the programme of work. For a better follow-up of the informal documents presented during a session, the secretariat was also requested

to indicate the decision taken in that session in the annex to the reports listing the informal documents.

10. With regard to the draft programme of work for 2004-2008 (TRANS/WP.29/2003/102), WP.29/AC.2 recommended that WP.29 should adopt the document with the following amendments to the calendar of meetings for 2004:

Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)	fifty-fifth	3-6 February	8
Working Party on Noise (GRB)	thirty-ninth	24-26 February	6

11. WP.29/AC.2 was informed about the administrative procedure concerning the additional P-4 post requested by UNECE for the biennium of 2004-2005. WP.29/AC.2 noted that the decision was still under discussion in the Fifth Committee and suggested that the delegations should contact their permanent missions in New York in order to support the request. The justification for this post, drafted by the WP.29/AC.2 Chairman, is reproduced in annex 3 to this report.

12. WP.29/AC.2 also reviewed the state of preparation of the fifth informal meeting on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), and examined the documents tabled for consideration. It suggested that, prior to the fifth informal meeting, only a general review should be presented to WP.29 by the Chairman of the ITS informal group (see para. 25 below). A detailed consideration of the subject should be deferred to the fifth meeting of the informal group, scheduled for Friday, 14 November 2003.

13. WP.29/AC.2 also reviewed the forecast by the secretariat for the agenda of the one-hundred-and-thirty-second session, to be held in Geneva, from 9 to 12 March 2004. It noted that twenty amendments were expected to existing Regulations, along with proposals for six new draft Regulations that were already pending, and one additional new draft Regulation on heating systems, as well as the deferred items of the current WP.29 session. A new draft Consolidated Resolution on Common Definition Masses and Dimensions related to the 1998 Agreement was also expected to be tabled.

14. With respect to the 1958 Agreement, WP.29/AC.2 continued its deliberations concerning the drafting of UNECE Regulations. In that respect, WP.29/AC.2 recommended that WP.29 should consider the possibility of using only references to international standards in the Regulations instead of reproducing them in extenso.

15. Concerning the assistance in resolving the interpretation issues, WP.29/AC.2 recommended that WP.29 should have a detailed consideration of the proposals contained in TRANS/WP.29/2003/100 and TRANS/WP.29/2003/101.

16. WP.29/AC.2 noted that no comments had been received on the presentation by the United Kingdom at the WP.29 session in June 2003 (TRANS/WP.29/926, para. 80) regarding the feasibility of an electronic database for type approvals.

17. WP.29/AC.2 noted the proposals concerning the standardization of the amendment procedure of Regulations and suggested that WP.29 should consider them.

18. Regarding the involvement of stability enhancement systems in the regulatory process, WP.29/AC.2 recommended its consideration by WP.29.

19. Concerning the development of global technical regulations (gtr) under the 1998 Agreement, WP.29/AC.2 noted the official proposal by Germany to the Executive Committee AC.3 to develop a gtr on a world-wide motorcycle emissions test cycle. WP.29/AC.2 also noted a proposal by the EU to develop a gtr on pedestrian safety (informal document No. 3). As regards the updated proposal to develop common definitions, masses and dimensions, WP.29/AC.2 noted that GRSG had finalized the technical part of the proposal and that Japan would complete it with a preamble.

20. For the 1997 Agreement regarding Periodical Technical Inspections, WP.29/AC.2 agreed to propose to the Administrative Committee AC.4 the consideration of the draft amendment to Article 12 transmitted by the European Community (informal document No. 7) as well as the possible amendment of Articles 1 and 11 (TRANS/WP.29/926, paras. 148 and 149).

21. In relation to the recommendation of the Group of Experts on Road Safety in Tunnels on fire extinguishers, WP.29/AC.2 recommended that GRSG should explore the feasibility of developing harmonized technical prescriptions for fire extinguishers in order to incorporate them in the 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic or the European Agreement supplementing it.

22. WP.29 noted the report of WP.29/AC.2 on its eighty-third session and accepted the recommendations.

2.2. Programme of work and documentation and the Calendar of sessions for 2004

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/1/Rev.2.

23. WP.29 noted the programme of work prepared by the secretariat and invited the Chairpersons of the subsidiary bodies to examine it and to indicate to the secretariat any corrections or modifications necessary.

2.3. Draft Programme of work for 2004-2008

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/102.

24. Following the recommendation of WP.29/AC.2, the amendments to the calendar of meetings for 2004 reproduced in paragraph 10. above were endorsed by WP.29 and agreed upon for transmission to the Inland Transport Committee (ITC).

2.4. Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) - including the preparation of a Round-Table

Documentation: Informal documents Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 20 of annex 1 to this report.

25. Mr. K. Wani, the Chairman of the informal group on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), briefed WP.29 about the documents submitted for consideration at the fifth meeting of the ITS group, scheduled for 14 November 2003.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES,
SUBSIDIARY TO WP.29**

3.1. Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE)
(Fiftieth session, 7-11 April 2003)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRE/50.

26. WP.29 recalled the report of the GRE Chairman, given during the one-hundred-and-thirtieth session (TRANS/WP.29/926, paras. 31 and 32), and approved the report.

3.2. Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG)
(Eighty-fourth session, 5-9 May 2003)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/63.

27. WP.29 recalled the oral presentation that had been given by the GRSG Chairman during the one-hundred-and-thirtieth session (TRANS/WP.29/926, paras. 33-39), and approved the report, subject to the improvement of the figures as suggested by the representative of Hungary.

3.3. Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)
(Forty-sixth session, 20-23 May 2003)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/46.

28. WP.29 recalled the session results, as presented by the GRPE Chairman during the previous session (TRANS/WP.29/926, paras. 40-44) and approved the report.

29. WP.29 agreed to extend the mandate of the GRPE informal group on hydrogen to cover the emission aspects, where necessary.

3.4. Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)
(Thirty-third session, 2-6 June 2003)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/33.

30. WP.29 recalled the account of the session proceedings that had been given by the GRSP Chairwoman during the one-hundred-and-thirtieth session (TRANS/WP.29/926, paras. 45-54), and approved the report.

3.5. Highlights of the recent sessions
(Oral reports by the Chairpersons)

3.5.1. Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE)
(Fifty-first session, 15-19 September 2003)

31. The Secretary of GRE reported on the results made by the group during its fifty-first session (for details see the report of the session TRANS/WP.29/GRE/51).

32. He informed WP.29 that, with regard to the declaration of compliance with a specific (former) version of an ECE Regulation, GRE had agreed that there was no specific need to add Regulation No. 10 nor any Regulation relating to lighting or light-signalling devices to the list annexed to the proposal.

33. At GRE's request, WP.29 agreed to reinstate the informal working group on the development of agr in order to deal with all specific issues of the draft gtr.

34. WP.29's decision was also requested regarding the possible development of new Regulations concerning new lighting and light-signalling functions (e.g. Adaptive Front-lighting System - AFS). WP.29 agreed that the development of emerging technology or improving presently regulated lighting and light-signalling functions should be incorporated into the existing Regulations, if possible. WP.29 noted that the informal group on AFS would meet again in Bonn, from 17 to 19 February 2004.

35. The Secretary informed WP.29 that, following the Terms of References and Rules of Procedure of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690, rule 37), Mr. M. Gorzkowski (Canada) had been re-elected Chairman of GRE for its 2004 sessions.

3.5.2. Working Party on Braking and Running Gear (GRRF)
(Fifty-fourth session, 6-8 October 2003)

36. The new Chairman of GRRF, Mr. I. Yarnold (United Kingdom), introduced himself to WP.29, after being elected at the beginning of the fifty-fourth GRRF session, following the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690, rule 37), for the session and for the two sessions scheduled for the year 2004.

37. Mr. Yarnold reported on the results made by the group during its fifty-fourth session (for details see the report of the session TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/54).

38. The Chairman informed WP.29 that GRRF had made good progress on braking and related issues. The Working Party initiated consideration of a proposal by Germany for a new Regulation for the type approval of all complex electronic systems that could exist in single Regulations. He said that several experts had expressed concern on the type approval of these complex electronic systems in isolation from their interface with the vehicle or system/components. He reported that some of the systems might belong to the competence of other Working Parties and announced that GRRF would request, at a later stage, a decision from WP.29 on how to address the development of this new draft Regulation.

39. With regard to the WP.29 request to consider a proposal for a declaration of compliance with a specific (former) version of a Regulation, the GRRF Chairman reported that the Working Party had a preliminary discussion and would resume this at the next session. In the same way, GRRF had considered draft Rule No. 2 to be annexed to the 1997 Agreement, and had agreed to resume consideration at its next session.

3.5.3. Working Party on Noise (GRB)
(Thirty-eighth session, 9 and 10 October 2003)

40. With regard to the development of Regulation No. 51 concerning noise emission from M and N categories of vehicles, the GRB Chairman informed WP.29 that the GRB informal group had made good progress during the four informal meetings on the development of an improved test method for motor vehicles. He reported on the results of the consideration of the proposal within GRB and on the decision to refer the proposal back to the informal group for inclusion of the advice from GRB and for further development. He also informed WP.29 that the next meeting of the GRB informal group was scheduled to be held in Bonn (Germany) from 19 to 21 November 2003 and that the group had intended to finalize the measurement test procedure during the thirty-ninth session of GRB in February 2004.

41. WP.29 was informed that GRB had made good progress in the work of the alignment of the provisions of Regulation No. 59 (Replacement silencing system) with those in the European Union Directives, and had decided to resume consideration at its next session on the basis of a consolidated proposal for a new Revision to Regulation No. 59.

42. With regard to the WP.29 request to consider a proposal for a declaration of compliance with a specific (former) version of an ECE Regulation, the GRB Chairman reported that the majority of the Working Party agreed in principle with the proposal, but decided that there was no need to introduce such a procedure for GRB purposes (Regulation No. 51). He also informed WP.29 that Japan could not accept such a procedure.

43. At the request of GRB, the Chairman asked for WP.29's agreement to have the thirty-ninth session of GRB from 24 (starting at 9.30h) to 26 (finishing at 17.30) February 2004 instead of the initially scheduled session from 24 February 2004 in the afternoon until 27 February 2004 in the morning.

44. WP.29 noted that Mr. D. Meyer (Germany) had been re-elected GRB Chairman for 2004.

3.5.4. Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG)
(Eighty-fifth session, 21-24 October 2003)

45. The GRSG Chairman reported on the results achieved by GRSG during its eighty-fifth session (for details see the report of the session TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/64).

46. He informed WP.29 that the technical part of a Draft Resolution on Common Definitions and Masses and Dimensions to be used in future gtrs was agreed. Before its transmission for approval to WP.29 and AC.3, it will be completed by a Preamble. He said that the completed proposal would be submitted to WP.29 and AC.3 for consideration at the March 2004 sessions.

47. With regard to draft Rule No. 2 (Periodical technical inspection of wheeled vehicles) to be annexed to the 1997 Agreement, he informed WP.29 that GRSG had voiced some concerns. The detailed requirements, which would require a long time to be checked during the inspection, were the subject of the main objections. He requested WP.29's guidance for the treatment of these comments. WP.29 agreed that the comments from experts should be considered by the GRs.

48. On the subject of the Declaration of compliance with a specific (former) version of an ECE Regulation, the GRSG experts expressed favourable opinions. Only the expert from Japan expressed his opposition to the proposal, to be confirmed at the WP.29 session.

49. Mr. A. Erario said that the experts from Spain and Hungary had reported to GRSG that a group of experts were working on a research study on the frontal impact of coaches and that these experts had the intention of continuing their participation in future meetings on the subject. He said that GRSG had expressed its opinion that GRSP should be informed about the work conducted by the above-mentioned experts independently of the GRSG work, given that a possible output of the research was to propose prescriptions for frontal impact on coaches.

50. The Chairman reported to WP.29 that he had been re-elected as Chairman for 2004 and that Mr. M. Matolcsy (Hungary) had been re-elected as Vice-Chairman for the same period.

51. WP.29 agreed that informal document No. 8 should be referred to GRSG for implementation, but insisted on keeping the priority for the consolidation of Regulations Nos. 36, 52 and 107.

4. 1958 AGREEMENT

4.1. Status of the Agreement and of the annexed Regulations, including the latest situation report

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/343/Rev.11/Amend.2; informal document No. 18 of annex 1 to this report.

52. The secretariat presented the update to the status document, reflecting the situation at 4 November 2003, and announced that the information transmitted by the representative of Slovakia would be incorporated in it (informal document No. 18). The expert from OICA recalled the urgent request to all Contracting Parties to verify the situation for their own country or region (TRANS/WP.29/926, paras. 55 and 56).

4.2. Consideration of draft amendments to existing regulations

53. WP.29 considered the amendments under agenda items 4.2.1. to 4.2.39. Subject to the editorial corrections and deferred items mentioned in the following paras. 54 to 71, WP.29 recommended that the draft amendments should be submitted to AC.1 by vote.

54. Agenda item 4.2.5. – Regulation No. 6, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/87 and its Corr.1, the paragraph 5.3.1. correct to read "... in no position, but the correct one". As indicated in TRANS/WP.29/2003/87/Corr.1, the adopted wording also applies to the following documents:

- TRANS/WP.29/2003/86, para. 3.5. (agenda item 4.2.3.)
- TRANS/WP.29/2003/88, para. 3.6. (agenda item 4.2.6.)
- TRANS/WP.29/2003/89, para. 3.6. (agenda item 4.2.13.)
- TRANS/WP.29/2003/90, para. 3.5. (agenda item 4.2.16.)
- TRANS/WP.29/2003/91, para. 4.4. (agenda item 4.2.24.)
- TRANS/WP.29/2003/92, para. 4.3. (agenda item 4.2.28.)

TRANS/WP.29/2003/93, para. 4.5. (agenda item 4.2.30.)

55. Agenda item 4.2.6. – Regulation No. 7, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/88, paragraph 1.6., correct to read "... end-outline marker lamps of different type".
56. Agenda item 4.2.9. – Regulation No. 14, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/82, paragraph 5.3.3., delete the words "M1 and" and replace through the document "Supplement 1 to the 06 series" to read "Supplement 5 to the 05 series".
57. Agenda item 4.2.10. – Regulation No. 16, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/78, the title, correct to read "DRAFT CORRIGENDUM 1 TO SUPPLEMENT 15 TO THE 04 SERIES ... " (English and Russian only).
58. Agenda item 4.2.11. – Regulation No. 16, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/83, the title, correct to read " ... DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 16 TO THE 04 SERIES ... ", the proposed amendments to paragraphs, 8.1.7. to 8.1.8.3., 8.1.9. to 8.1.12., 8.1.10. and 8.1.11. should be deleted. Paragraph 15.3.5., correct to read "... recognize approvals to vehicles of category N1 not granted ...".
59. Agenda item 4.2.14. – Regulation No. 34, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/64, annex 5, paragraph 2., replace the figure "0.3 bar" by "30 kPa".
60. Agenda item 4.2.22. – Regulation No. 48, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/61, the indication "Paragraphs 2.7.1. to 2.7.1.3., amend to read" should read "Paragraph 2.7.1., amend to read", paragraph 2.7.1.1.3. (French only) amend the word "extraite" to read "extrait" and delete the proposed amendment to paragraph 2.7.1.3.
61. Agenda item 4.2.25. – Regulation No. 52, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/68, the second page of the French text should be aligned to the English one.
62. Agenda item 4.2.28. – Regulation No. 77, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/92, paragraph 6.3.2., delete the words "and/or modification protected".
63. Agenda item 4.2.29. – Regulation No. 83, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/73, paragraph 5.2.2., amend to read "... to the following tests (according to the table 1): ...", and paragraph 8.2.2., amend the words "... of that vehicle type in less than 10,000 ... " to read " ... of that vehicle type are less than 10,000 ... ", the proposed amendment to paragraph 11.6.1. should apply to paragraph 11.1.6.1. and in appendix 4, the renamed Figure 4/2, the words "NO, or UNCERTAIN" should be in the upper part of the diamond at the bottom of the right hand side. WP.29 agreed that informal document No. 15 should be referred to GRPE.
64. Agenda item 4.2.32. – Regulation No. 91, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/94, paragraph 4.6.3., delete the brackets (the text remains).
65. Agenda item 4.2.33. – Regulation No. 95, WP.29 agreed with the proposed document, and encouraged the development of the WorldSID in the hope that it would be ready for consideration for a future amendment to the Regulation that could be introduced before the end of the 36-month period set out in the proposed transitional provisions.

66. Agenda item 4.2.34. – Regulation No. 96, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/74, the text in brackets after the title of Regulation No. 96 should read "Off-road engines".

67. Agenda item 4.2.35. – Regulation No. 98, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/62, paragraph 5.8.2., correct the word "schall" to read "shall".

68. Agenda item 4.2.36. – Regulation No. 103, WP.29 agreed that document TRANS/WP.29/2003/76 and informal document No. 11 should be referred to GRPE.

69. Agenda item 4.2.38. – Regulation No. 107, WP.29 agreed that document TRANS/WP.29/2003/71 and its Corr.1 should be referred back to GRSG.

70. The representative of the EU announced that for agenda item 4.2.18. (Regulation No. 43), he had received the mandate to vote against the proposal.

71. Concerning informal document No. 12, proposing amendments to Regulation No. 89, WP.29 agreed to refer it to GRRF for consideration.

4.3. Consideration of new draft Regulations

72. The consideration by WP.29 of the six new draft Regulations (listed under agenda items 4.3.1. to 4.3.6.) was deferred (see paras. 3. and 6. above). WP.29 noted the information by the representative of the EU that, for agenda items 4.3.4. and 4.3.6., the corresponding proposals had been transmitted to the Council and to the Parliament of the European Union.

4.4. Consideration of draft amendments to existing Regulations, currently outstanding

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2000/18; TRANS/WP.29/2000/18/Add.1;
TRANS/WP.29/2003/39; TRANS/WP.29/2001/61.

73. The consideration of the outstanding draft amendments to Regulation No. 18 (agenda item 4.4.1.) and to Regulation No. 67 (agenda items 4.4.2. and 4.4.3.) were also deferred (see paras. 3. and 6 above).

4.5. Consideration of draft amendments to draft Regulations after their adoption

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/63; TRANS/WP.29/2003/72.

74. The consideration of the draft amendments to draft Regulations on cornering lamps (agenda item 4.5.1.) and on burning behaviour of materials (agenda item 4.5.2.) were deferred (see paras 3. and 6. above). WP.29 agreed that document TRANS/WP.29/2003/63 should be considered with the correction indicated in document TRANS/WP.29/2003/87/Corr.1.

4.6. Consideration of draft amendments to existing Regulations with regard to the deletion of the approval marking

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/96; TRANS/WP.29/2003/75; informal document No. 14 of annex 1 to this report.

75. WP.29 had an exchange of views on the proposals transmitted by GRPE. Representatives of Japan and of the Russian Federation (informal document No. 14) expressed their concerns, emphasizing the importance of the presence of the approval mark or another system for Contracting Parties which were not Member States of the EU. Furthermore, the representative of Japan stated that the deletion of the provisions of the approval mark of ECE Regulations could be inconsistent with the Agreement. WP.29 expressed its preference to keep the status quo, but invited the representatives from OICA and GTB to present to WP.29 a new proposal for an improved or alternative solution, for consideration at its March 2004 session.

5. 1998 AGREEMENT (GLOBAL)

5.1. Status of the Agreement and on annexed Regulations, including the latest situation report

Documentation: Informal document No. 1 of annex 1 to this report.

76. WP.29 noted the information of informal document No. 1 reflecting the situation of the Global Agreement at 4 November 2003. An updated table with the priorities and proposals is reproduced in annex 2 to this report.

5.2. Implementation of the 1998 Agreement Programme of Work by the Working Parties subsidiary to WP.29

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/17/Rev.1; TRANS/WP.29/2003/103; informal document No. 3 of annex 1 to this report.

77. WP.29 noted the documents tabled for the ninth session of the Executive Committee (AC.3) of the 1998 Agreement and agreed that a more detailed consideration of the programme of work should take place during the AC.3 session (see paras. 135 to 155 below).

6. 1997 AGREEMENT (INSPECTIONS)

6.1. Status of the Agreement

Documentation: Informal document No. 2 of annex 1 to this report.

78. The secretariat reported that, after the accession of Bulgaria, effective 9 September 2003, the number of Contracting Parties increased to seven (informal document No. 2).

6.2. Consideration of the amendments of Articles 1 and 12 of the Agreement

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/50; TRANS/WP.29/2003/53; informal document No. 7 of annex 1 to this report.

79. WP.29 welcomed the proposal submitted by the EU representative and agreed that AC.4 should consider the possible amendments to the Agreement in order to facilitate the accession of the EU and its Member States.

80. The representative of Finland recalled that the Agreement would effectively enter into force at the beginning of 2004.

6.3. Progress of work in the consideration of the proposal for draft Rule No. 2 by the Working Parties subsidiary to WP.29

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/16.

81. WP.29 noted that the proposal was still under consideration by the subsidiary Working Parties and that proposals for amendments would be transmitted for consideration at the June 2004 session.

7. CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES (R.E.3)

7.1. Proposal for annex 18 (new): Declaration of compliance with a specific (former) version of an ECE Regulation

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/44.

82. WP.29 agreed that the proposal corresponded to a real necessity, but its implementation needed further consideration in order to avoid any possible confusion between a declaration and an official type approval certificate. The representatives of France, Japan and the United Kingdom volunteered to prepare jointly a revised proposal on this subject, to be considered at the March 2004 session. For that purpose, the delegates were invited to submit their comments.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. Enforcement of type approval and conformity of production standards

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2002/28.

83. WP.29 noted that the consideration of this subject was still under consideration (see paras. 84 to 89 below).

8.1.1. Rules and recommendations for preparation of standards and regulations

84. WP.29 accepted the recommendation of WP.29/AC.2 to use only references to international standards in the Regulations instead of reproducing them in extenso (see para. 13 above).

8.1.2. Resolving of interpretation issues

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/100; TRANS/WP.29/2003/101.

85. The representative of France introduced the proposal prepared in collaboration with the delegate from the United Kingdom (TRANS/WP.29/2003/100) and informed WP.29 that the

proposal had obtained general support in the EU. The representative of the Russian Federation introduced his proposal (TRANS/WP.29/2003/101) complementing the afore-mentioned proposal.

86. WP.29 expressed its general support for the proposal and identified items to be improved. The representatives of France and the United Kingdom offered to prepare a revised document taking into account the comments made. For that purpose, delegates were requested to send their proposals before 15 December 2003, in order to prepare an official document to WP.29 for consideration at the March 2004 session.

8.1.3. Recall systems applied by various Contracting Parties to the Agreements

87. No new presentations were given during the session.

8.1.4. Feasibility of establishing an electronic database for type approval of exchange of information

88. WP.29 noted that no comments to the presentation made by the delegate from the United Kingdom during the June 2003 session were received. WP.29 recognized the importance of establishing an electronic database for exchange of information and agreed to continue the consideration of this subject at the March 2004 session. WP.29 invited the Contracting Parties to seek a solution together with their Technical Services on the basis of the above-mentioned presentation, and agreed to have an exchange of views at the next session.

8.1.5. Standardizing the amendment procedure of ECE Regulations

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/97; informal document No. 10 of annex 1 to this report.

89. The representative of Japan introduced his proposal clarifying the appropriate application of the series of amendments, supplements and corrigenda to the Regulations. The expert from OICA introduced informal document No. 10 with a general description of the application of the three types of amendments to the Regulations, including the possibility of a recommendation to the Contracting Parties for a transitional period before national enforcement of new Regulations. He offered to present a more concrete proposal for consideration at the next session. WP.29 agreed that the Japanese proposal should be applied with a certain flexibility and decided to resume its consideration, jointly with the proposal to be transmitted by the expert from OICA.

8.2. Analysis of the implementation of the Agreements

90. WP.29 noted the invitation by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) to accede or ratify the Agreements, and requested the secretariat to inform ITC that the Contracting Parties to the Agreements assured the application of the three Agreements administrated by WP.29.

8.3. Survey questionnaire on documents and Transport Division website

91. WP.29 delegates were invited to fill out the questionnaire and requested the secretariat to transmit the results to the ITC Bureau.

8.4. Proposal for involving electronic stability systems in the regulatory scheme

Documentation: Informal document No. 9 of annex 1 to this report.

92. WP.29 agreed to refer informal document No. 9 to GRRF for consideration.

9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

93. WP.29 adopted the report together with the annexes at its one-hundred-and-thirty-first session.

B. SESSIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. 1958 AGREEMENT – TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

1.1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AC.1

94. Of the forty Contracting Parties to the Agreement, representatives of 29 Parties were present and established AC.1 for its twenty-fifth session. Following the previous practice, AC.1 invited Mr. B. Gauvin, Vice-Chairman of WP.29, to chair the session of AC.1.

1.2. DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS - VOTING BY AC.1

1.2.1. Regulation No. 3 (Retro-reflecting devices)

95. Parties applying the Regulation: 37 present and voting: 31
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/54, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 6 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 3, applicable ab initio.

1.2.2. Regulation No. 3 (Retro-reflecting devices)

96. Parties applying the Regulation: 37 present and voting: 31
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/59, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 8 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 3 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.3. Regulation No. 4 (Illumination of rear registration plates)

97. Parties applying the Regulation: 35 present and voting: 29
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/86 as corrected by TRANS/WP.29/2003/87/Corr.1, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 10 to Regulation No. 4, applicable ab initio.

1.2.4. Regulation No. 6 (Direction indicators)

98. Parties applying the Regulation: 38 present and voting: 31
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/55 by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 10 to the 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 6, applicable ab initio.

1.2.5. Regulation No. 6 (Direction indicators)

99. Parties applying the Regulation: 38 present and voting: 31
Adoption of documents TRANS/WP.29/2003/87, as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 54. above) and its Corr. 1, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 12 to the 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 6 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.6. Regulation No. 7 (Position, stop, and end-outline marker lamps)

100. Parties applying the Regulation: 37 present and voting: 31
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/88 as corrected by TRANS/WP.29/2003/87/Corr.1 and by WP.29 (see para. 55 above), by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 8 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 7, applicable ab initio.

1.2.7 Regulation No. 10 (Electromagnetic compatibility)

101. Parties applying the Regulation: 33 present and voting: 28
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/60, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 2 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 10 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.8 Regulation No. 13 (Braking)

102. Parties applying the Regulation: 37 present and voting: 30
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/95, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 8 to the 09 series of amendments to Regulation No. 13, applicable ab initio.

1.2.9. Regulation No. 14 (Safety-belt anchorages)

103. Parties applying the Regulation: 36 present and voting: 30
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/82 as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 56. above), by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 5 to the 05 series of amendments to Regulation No. 14 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.10. Regulation No. 16 (Safety-belts)

104. Parties applying the Regulation: 35 present and voting: 29
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/78 as corrected by WP.29 (Russian and English text only, see para. 57 above), by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 15 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16, applicable ab initio.

1.2.11. Regulation No. 16 (Safety-belts)

105. Parties applying the Regulation: 35 present and voting: 29
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/83 as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 58. above), by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 16 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.12. Regulation No. 17 (Strength of seats)

106. Parties applying the Regulation: 37 present and voting: 31
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/79 by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 2 to Supplement 1 to the 07 series of amendments to Regulation No. 17, applicable ab initio.

1.2.13. Regulation No. 23 (Reversing lamps)

107. Parties applying the Regulation: 37 present and voting: 31
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/89 as corrected by TRANS/WP.29/2003/87/Corr.1, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 10 to Regulation No. 23, applicable ab initio.

1.2.14. Regulation No. 34 (Prevention of fire risks)

108. Parties applying the Regulation: 30 present and voting: 26
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/64 as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 59. above), by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 1 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 34 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.15. Regulation No. 36 (Large capacity passenger vehicles)

109. Parties applying the Regulation: 24 present and voting: 18
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/65 by unanimity. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 9 to the 03 series of amendments to Regulation No. 36 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.16. Regulation No. 38 (Rear fog lamps)

110. Parties applying the Regulation: 36 present and voting: 31
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/90 as corrected by TRANS/WP.29/2003/87/Corr.1, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 9 to Regulation No. 38, applicable ab initio.

1.2.17. Regulation No. 43 (Safety glazing)

111. Parties applying the Regulation: 36 present and voting: 29
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/66, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 8 to Regulation No. 43 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.18. Regulation No. 43 (Safety glazing)

112. Parties applying the Regulation: 36 present and voting: 29
Rejection of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/67, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States.

1.2.19. Regulation No. 44 (Child restraints)

113. Parties applying the Regulation: 29 present and voting: 27
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/80, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 5 to the 03 series of amendments to Regulation No. 44, applicable ab initio.

1.2.20. Regulation No. 44 (Child restraints)

114. Parties applying the Regulation: 29 present and voting: 27
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/81, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 5 to the 03 series of amendments to Regulation No. 44, applicable ab initio.

1.2.21. Regulation No. 44 (Child restraints)

115. Parties applying the Regulation: 29 present and voting: 27
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/84, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 6 to the 03 series of amendments to Regulation No. 44 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.22. Regulation No. 48 (Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices)

116. Parties applying the Regulation: 34 present and voting: 28
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/61 as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 60. above), by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 8 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.23. Regulation No. 50 (Position, stop and direction indicator lamps for motorcycles)

117. Parties applying the Regulation: 35 present and voting: 30
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/56, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 5 to Regulation No. 50, applicable ab initio.

1.2.24. Regulation No. 50 (Position, stop and direction indicator lamps for motorcycles)

118. Parties applying the Regulation: 35 present and voting: 30
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/91 as corrected by TRANS/WP.29/2003/87/Corr.1, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 7 to Regulation No. 50, applicable ab initio.

1.2.25. Regulation No. 52 (Small capacity passenger vehicles, M2 and M3 category)

119. Parties applying the Regulation: 24 present and voting: 19
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/68 as corrected by WP.29 (French text only, see para. 61 above), by unanimity. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 6 to the 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 52 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.26. Regulation No. 60 (Driver-operated controls)

120. Parties applying the Regulation: 27 present and voting: 25
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/69, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 2 to Regulation No. 60 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.27. Regulation No. 65 (Special warning lamps)

121. Parties applying the Regulation: 25 present and voting: 20
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/57, by unanimity. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 3 to Regulation No. 65, applicable ab initio.

1.2.28. Regulation No. 77 (Parking lamps)

122. Parties applying the Regulation: 31 present and voting: 27
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/92 as corrected by TRANS/WP.29/2003/87/Corr.1 and by WP.29 (see para. 62. above), by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 8 to Regulation No. 77, applicable ab initio.

1.2.29. Regulation No. 83 (Emissions of M1 and N1 categories of vehicles)

123. Parties applying the Regulation: 35 present and voting: 29
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/73, as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 63. above), by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 4 to the 05 series of amendments to Regulation No. 83 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.30. Regulation No. 87 (Daytime running lamps)

124. Parties applying the Regulation: 28 present and voting: 25
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/93 as corrected by TRANS/WP.29/2003/87/Corr.1, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 6 to Regulation No. 87, applicable ab initio.

1.2.31. Regulation No. 91 (Side-marker lamps)

125. Parties applying the Regulation: 32 present and voting: 29
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/58, by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 4 to Regulation No. 91, applicable ab initio.

1.2.32. Regulation No. 91 (Side-marker lamps)

126. Parties applying the Regulation: 32 present and voting: 29
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/94 as corrected by TRANS/WP.29/2003/87/Corr.1 and by WP.29 (see para. 64. above), by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 6 to Regulation No. 91, applicable ab initio.

1.2.33. Regulation No. 95 (Lateral collision)

127. Parties applying the Regulation: 20 present and voting: 17
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/85 by unanimity. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 1 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 95 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.34. Regulation No. 96 (Off-road engines)

128. Parties applying the Regulation: 28 present and voting: 26
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/74 as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 66. above), by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 2 to the 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 96 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.35. Regulation No. 98 (Headlamps with gas-discharge light sources)

129. Parties applying the Regulation: 30 present and voting: 26
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/62 as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 67. above), by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 4 to Regulation No. 98 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.36. Regulation No. 103 (Emission of carbon dioxide and fuel consumption)

130. Item deferred (see paras. 7.a) and 68. above)

1.2.37. Regulation No. 107 (Double-deck large passenger vehicles)

131. Parties applying the Regulation: 34 present and voting: 26
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/70 by unanimity. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 107 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.38. Regulation No. 107 (Double-deck large passenger vehicles)

132. Item deferred (see paras. 7.b) and 69. above)

1.2.39. Regulation No. 110 (Specific components for CNG)

133. Parties applying the Regulation: 37 present and voting: 30
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/77 by unanimity, with the EU representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 3 to Regulation No. 110 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

2. 1998 AGREEMENT (GLOBAL)

NINTH SESSION of the Executive Committee (AC.3) of the Agreement

2.1. OPEN MEETING

134. The ninth session of AC.3 was held in the morning of Thursday, 13 November 2003 under the chairmanship of Mr. M. Fendick (European Union). The representatives of nineteen Contracting Parties to the Agreement attended the session.

2.1.1. Consideration of the proposal concerning the common definitions of vehicle categories, masses and dimensions

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/17/Rev.1.

135. The representative of Japan informed AC.3 that the technical part of the proposal had been finalized by GRSG at the October session and that, once completed by a preamble, it would be submitted to AC.3 for consideration in March 2004 as a draft Consolidated Resolution.

136. The Chairman raised concern about the diversity of definitions for categories of vehicles in the different regions of the world and invited the delegates to verify the validity of the proposed definitions to their current vehicle fleet. In this respect, the expert from OICA volunteered to give a presentation on this subject. The representative of India expressed his wishes that the definitions used in his country should also be taken into account.

2.1.2. Progress in developing proposals for candidate global technical regulations (gtrs)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/98 and Corr.1, TRANS/WP.29/2003/99, TRANS/WP.29/2003/103; informal document No. 3 of annex 1 to this report.

137. The representative of Canada informed AC.3 on the progress of work concerning the development of the gtr on the **installation of lighting and light-signalling devices**. AC.3 agreed to reinstate the informal working group dealing with this subject. The representative of the United States of America requested that the meetings of the informal groups be associated with the proper sessions of the corresponding Working Parties, whenever possible.

138. The representative of Canada reported on the good progress of the informal group on **motorcycle brakes**. He announced that the next meeting was intended to be held in February 2004.

139. The delegate from the United Kingdom reported on the results of the first meeting on **passenger vehicle brakes**. He mentioned that the scope of the gtr needed to be clarified, because the concept of passenger vehicles seemed to be too broad. He announced that the Chairmanship of the group was co-chaired by the United Kingdom and the United States of America, and that the sponsorship was shared by Japan and the United Kingdom. He informed AC.3 that the informal group would meet again in Paris, after the GRRF session in February 2004.

140. With regard to the informal group on **safety glazing**, the representative of Germany reported on the progress of work and announced that a formal proposal for the development of the gtr would be submitted to AC.3, for consideration in March 2004. He added that a proposal for the draft gtr would be transmitted to GRSG in the near future.

141. The representative of Canada reported that a revised proposal for the draft gtr on **controls and displays** would also be transmitted to GRSG for consideration.

142. The EU representative presented a formal proposal to develop a gtr on **pedestrian safety** (informal document No. 3) and announced the submission of an updated version for consideration at the March 2004 session. He added that an EU Directive on pedestrian safety would soon be published. The representative of the United States of America informed AC.3, that the next meeting of the informal group on pedestrian safety would be held from 24 to 26 February 2004, hosted by OICA in Paris.

143. The GRSP Chairwoman informed AC.3 that the expert from the United States of America would present, at the December 2003 session of GRSP, a comparison study between the requirements of **lower anchorages and tethers for child safety seats** in force in her country and the recently adopted ISOFIX specifications under the 1958 Agreement.

144. The representative of the United States of America reported that the informal group had made good progress in preparing the draft gtr on **door retention components**. She announced that, being in line with the time schedule indicated in TRANS/WP.29/2003/98, a proposal for a draft gtr could be transmitted to AC.3 for consideration at the November 2004 session. She confirmed that the next meeting of the informal group would be held on 19 and 20 November 2003, in Paris, hosted by OICA.

145. The GRSP Chairwoman also announced that, once the final rule-making process on **head restraints** in the United States was finalized, she would transmit to GRSP a proposal for a draft gtr.

146. The representative of the EU informed AC.3 that the formal proposal for developing a gtr on the **world-wide heavy-duty certification procedure** (WHDC) would be transmitted to AC.3 in March 2004.

147. AC.3 followed with interest an excellent presentation (informal document No. 19) on the results of the work made by the informal group on the **world-wide motorcycle emission test cycle** (WMTC) by its Chairman, Mr. Ch. Albus (Germany). He informed AC.3 that the next meeting would be held at the end of November 2003 in Milan (Italy). The representative of India expressed his intention to participate in that meeting. The representative of the United States of America was of the opinion that the informal group should address the cost effectiveness aspect. In this respect, the GRSP Chairwoman recalled the decision of WP.29 at its previous session (TRANS/WP.29/926, para. 53). AC.3 agreed that neither the type approval nor the self-certification procedure should be included in the draft gtr. With regard to the performance requirements, it was agreed that this subject should be addressed at a later stage by AC.3. Concluding this item, AC.3 adopted the proposal TRANS/WP.29/2003/103.

148. The representative of the United States of America informed AC.3 that the study on the **heavy-duty on-board diagnostics systems** (WWH-OBD) was still in progress in the informal group, but not yet in a stage permitting a proposal for a gr. The representative of the United Kingdom suggested that the informal group should also take into account the use of OBD systems in other fields than the control of pollutants emissions. AC.3 endorsed that suggestion, and asked the gr informal group to develop a suitable structure to allow other systems to be added at a later date.

149. With regard to the **off-cycle emissions**, the representative of the United States of America reported that, in this field, the prescriptions in his country were only applicable to heavy-duty vehicles. The possible application to all other vehicles should be studied.

150. The representative of the EU informed AC.3 that the informal group on **non-road mobile machinery** (NRMM) had already had two meetings and had prepared a draft proposal for a test cycle. He also mentioned that an EU Directive on emissions from non-road mobile machinery had recently been adopted, totally in line with the U.S. requirements. This would be a good basis for the development of a gr.

2.1.3. Items on which the exchange of views and data should continue or begin

151. The GRSP Chairwoman informed AC.3 that the group had had an extensive exchange of views on **side impact dummy** and **vehicle crash compatibility** and announced that presentations on both subjects would be made at the GRSP session in May 2004. AC.3 noted that the representative of Japan would make a presentation on **intelligent transport systems** in the informal meeting on ITS scheduled for 14 November 2003. With regard to **fuel cells** vehicles, AC.3 noted that the terms of reference of the informal group on hydrogen vehicles covered this item. The GRPE Chairman informed AC.3 that the study of the **world-wide light-duty test procedure** (WLTP) would only be developed after the completion of the work on WHDC and WMTC. For the rest of the items, no information was provided.

2.2. CLOSED MEETING

152. AC.3 decided to keep this part of the session open.

2.2.1. Legal and administrative procedures concerning the Agreement

153. The AC.3 Chairman informed the group that he had contacted the UN Office of Legal Affairs on the question of delegation to the UNECE Executive Secretary to carry out certain functions under the Agreement. He said that the reply which he had received recently would be sent to the Contracting Parties to the Agreement.

2.2.2. Resolving of the pending issues

154. No Contracting Party raised pending issues.

2.2.3. Difference between the legal status of a Treaty and an Agreement

Documentation: Informal document No. 17 of annex 1 to this report.

155. AC.3 noted the explanation of informal document No. 17.

3. 1997 AGREEMENT (INSPECTIONS)

FOURTH SESSION of the Administrative Committee (AC.4) of the Agreement

3.1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AC.4

156. Six representatives of the seven Contracting Parties to the Agreement established the AC.4 for its fourth session, chaired by Mr. B. Kisulenko (Russian Federation).

3.2. Consideration of the amendment of Articles 1 and 12 of the Agreement

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/50; TRANS/WP.29/2003/53; informal document No. 7 of annex 1 to this report.

157. The EU representative explained to AC.4 that the current drafting of Article 12 of the Agreement as well as differences between Rule No. 1 and the EU Directive 96/96 were the main reasons why the EU could not accede to the Agreement. He introduced informal document No. 7 proposing an amendment to Article 12. AC.4 agreed on the text and the representative of Finland volunteered to transmit to the UN Secretary-General a proposal for amendments to Article 12 of the Agreement, following the procedure of Article 10. He also stated his intention to include the amendment to Article 11, paragraph (g), correcting the reference to "Article 5" to read "Article 10".

158. AC.4 agreed on the need that an amendment to Rule No. 1 should be prepared, in collaboration with GRPE and GRB experts, to be transmitted to AC.4 for consideration.

159. AC.4 agreed with the Chairman's suggestion to hold the fifth session of the Administrative Committee in March 2004, if necessary.

160. AC.4 noted that comments for the Working Parties on draft Rule No. 2 should be received at the June 2004 session.

Annex 1LIST OF INFORMAL DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT A SYMBOL
DURING THE ONE-HUNDRED-AND-THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

No.	Transmitted by	Agenda item	Language	Title	Follow-up
1.	Secretariat	5.1.	E	Agreement Concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts Which can be Fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles. Situation on 4 November 2003	(a)
2.	Secretariat	6.1.	E	Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspections. Situation on 4 November 2003	(a)
3.	European Commission	5.2.	E	Proposal to Develop a Global Technical Regulation Concerning the Protection of Pedestrians and Other Vulnerable Road Users in Collision with Vehicles	(b)
4.	Informal Group on ITS	2.4.	E	Provisional Agenda for the 5th session of the Informal Group on "ITS"	(a)
5.	Informal Group on ITS	2.4.	E	Role and Position (Draft)	(a)
6.	Informal Group on ITS	2.4.	E	ITC/Round Table 2004	(a)
7.	European Commission	6.2 and B3.2.	E	Unofficial paper from DG TREN to UN-ECE WP.29 AC.4	(a)
8.	Hungary	3.5.4.	E	Proposal to Develop New Regulation(s) Protection of Bus Occupants in case of Rollover Accident (Strength of Superstructure)	(b)
9.	Hungary	8.4.	E	Proposal for Involving the Electronic Stability Enhancement Systems in the Regulatory Scheme	(e)
10.	OICA	8.1.5.	E	UNECE Regulatory Procedures	(a)

No.	Transmitted by	Agenda item	Language	Title	Follow-up
11.	OICA	4.2.36.	E	OICA Comments to TRANS/WP.29/2003/76 Proposal for Draft Supplement 2 to Regulation No. 103 (Replacement Catalytic Converters)	(f)
12.	OICA	4.2.40.	E	Proposed Corrigendum to UNECE Regulation No. 89.01	(e)
13.	OICA	4.2.33.	E	OICA Comments to TRANS/WP.29/2003/85 Proposal for Draft Supplement 1 to the 02 Series of Amendments to Regulation No. 95	(a)
14.	Russian Federation	4.6.	E	Concerning Cancellation of Mandatory Marking by Approval Marks	(a)
15.	Russian Federation	4.2.29.	E	Proposal for Draft Corrigendum 3 to the 05 Series of Amendments to Regulation No. 83, Including Draft Supplement 3 (TRANS/WP.29/2003/41) and Draft Supplement 4 (TRANS/WP.29/2003/73)	(f)
16.	Australia	4.2.33.	E	Australian Comments Regarding TRANS/WP.29/2003/85 – Proposal for Draft Supplement 1 to the 02 Series of Amendments to Regulation No. 95	(a)
17.	Secretariat	B.2.2.3.	E	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 1969 concerning the terms "treaty" and "agreement".	(a)
18.	Slovakia	4.1.	E	Updating Technical Services for conducting the tests of UNECE Regulations	(d)
19.	Germany	B2.1.2.11.	E	World-wide Motorcycle Emission Test Cycle	(a)
20.	Japan	2.4.	E	Concept of driver assistance	(a)

Notes:

- (a) Consideration completed or to be superseded
- (b) Continue consideration at the next session with an official symbol
- (c) Continue consideration at the next session as an informal document
- (d) Adopted
- (e) To be transmitted to GRRF
- (f) To be transmitted to GRPE
- (g) To be transmitted to GRSP
- (h) To be transmitted to GRSG

Annex 2

STATUS OF THE 1998 AGREEMENT: PRIORITIES AND PROPOSALS

Working Party	Item	Informal group (Yes-No) / Chair	Technical sponsor	Formal proposal TRANS/WP.29/..	Proposal for a draft gtr TRANS/WP.29/..
GRE	Installation of Lighting and Light-Signalling Devices	Yes / Canada	Canada	AC.3/4	GRE/2001/6/Rev.1
GRRF	Motorcycle Brakes	Yes / Canada	Canada	AC.3/3	
	Passenger Vehicle Brakes	Yes / United Kingdom and United States of America	Japan and United Kingdom		
GRSG	Safety Glazing	Yes / Germany	Germany		
	Controls and Displays	No	Canada	AC.3/2	GRSG/2000/8/Rev.3 ±/
	Vehicle Classification, Masses and Dimensions	Yes / Japan	Japan	2003/17/Rev.1	GRSG/2003/10/Rev.1 #/
GRSP	Pedestrian Safety	Yes / Japan/EC	EC		
	Lower Anchorages and Tethers for Child Safety Seats	No	[]		
	Door Retention Components	Yes / United States of America	USA	AC.3/5	
	Head Restraints	No	USA		
GRPE	World-wide Heavy-Duty Certification Procedure (WHDC)	No	EC		
	World-wide Motorcycle Emission Test Cycle (WMTC)	Yes / Germany	Germany	2003/103 (AC.3/.)	
	Heavy-Duty OBD (WWH-OBD)	Yes / Japan	USA	AC.3/1	
	Off-cycle Emissions	Yes / United States of America	USA		
	Non-road Mobile Machinery (PM test)	Yes / EC	EC		

±/ Considered at the eighty-fifth session of GRSG, Revision 4 is awaited (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/64, para. 28).

#/ To be a new Consolidated Resolution. Document adopted by GRSG at the eighty-fifth session. A proposal will be submitted to WP.29 and AC.3 at their March 2004 sessions (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/64, para. 24).

Annex 3

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REQUESTED NEW P-4 POST

1. The request for a new Professional post (P-4) was first made by WP.29 at its March 2001 session, soon after becoming the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and the adoption of the Global Agreement. The excerpt of the report (TRANS/WP.29/776, para. 7) is reproduced below:

"7. Considering its wider responsibilities and the existing human resources in the secretariat, WP.29 expressed its concerns that its future work would be compromised by further increase of the work pressure on the existing staff of the Unit assigned to vehicle construction. It confirmed that, for a considerable period of time, the secretariat had to prioritize its work at the expense of functions not directly related to servicing of meetings. To ensure that its increased responsibilities would fully be covered both at administrative and professional levels, WP.29 invited the Director of the Division to request in the future regular budget biennium one additional general service post and one additional professional post for the vehicle construction Unit. The delegations also agreed to communicate this request to their Permanent Missions at Geneva and New York, together with its justifications."

2. At its November 2002 session, WP.29 welcomed the request in the UNECE proposed programme budget for the 2004-2005 biennium of a P-4 post. The excerpt of the report (TRANS/WP.29/885, para. 23) is reproduced below:

"23. Concerning the requested allocation in the 2004-2005 budget of the Transport Division of the UNECE of additional P-4 and G-4 posts for the Unit of Vehicle Construction of the Technology Section (see para. 20 (c) above), WP.29 welcomed the decision of the Division Director and invited all delegations to support this proposed budget allocation at all levels, in particular in the consideration by the Budget Committees in the UNECE and later in the United Nations Headquarters. **WP.29 stressed that, with respect to the workload, it was highly desirable to implement this decision as early as possible at the beginning of the budgeted period.**"

3. Finally only an additional P-4 post was included in the proposed budget sent to New York.
4. The workload in the area of vehicle regulations has increased sharply in recent years and will continue to do so in the next biennium for the following reasons:
 - (a) In 2000 WP.29 became the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations, in which an increasing number of countries from all over the world participate, thereby increasing the workload.
 - (b) The number of Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement has risen to 115 in 2003 and will grow to 122 in the 2004-2005 biennium, therefore amendment work will be greater. It is expected that more than 80 amendments to existing Regulations will be prepared.
 - (c) In addition to the 1958 Agreement, WP.29 currently administers two other Agreements, the Agreement on Technical Inspections, since 1998, and the Global Agreement, since 2000.

- (d) In the framework of the Global Agreement, **preparatory work on 15 priority areas** for the development of global regulations has started in 2002, increasing the workload considerably.
 - (e) Global regulations will require **additional and more complex substantive and administrative work** than the regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement. The elaboration and adoption of global regulations will require a complete justification, including a detailed cost/benefit analysis.
 - (f) The **administrative and legal work** for the entry into force of global regulations will also be much heavier and more complex. It will include the publication of candidate global regulations into a Compendium of Candidates Global Regulations and a Global Register of Global Technical Regulations as well as **issuing of official notifications to all countries Contracting Parties to the Agreement for every change in the status of each global regulation**. For regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement, it is the OLA who performs this work.
 - (g) In the biennium 2004-2005, in addition to the ongoing preparatory work on the 15 priority areas identified, it is expected that about 4 global regulations will be concluded.
 - (h) In the framework of the Agreement on Technical Inspections, it is expected that a new rule will be annexed to the Agreement.
5. The solution proposed by the ACABQ, namely a realignment of the responsibilities of the UNECE Transport Division staff is not feasible for the following reasons:
- (a) The staff of the UNECE Transport Division is already overloaded and the burden is increasing.
 - (b) The professional staff members who do not deal with vehicle regulations lack the highly specialized knowledge which is indispensable for this post: the technical background of an automobile engineer with some legal and administrative experience in the field of regulations and type approval.
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