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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 16

(Safety belts)

Transmitted by the expert from Japan

Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Japan in order to align the title of the Regulation with the amendments which were proposed by France in document TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2004/26/Rev.1. It is based on documents without symbols (informal documents Nos. GRSP-38-1 and GRSP-38-10), distributed during the thirty-eighth session of GRSP (see report TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/38, para. 15).

The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in **bold** characters.

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A. PROPOSAL

The title, amend to read:

"UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF:

- I. SAFETY-BELTS, **SAFETY-BELT REMINDER**, RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS AND ISOFIX CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS FOR OCCUPANTS OF POWER-DRIVEN VEHICLES
- II. VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH SAFETY-BELTS, **SAFETY-BELT REMINDER**, RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS AND ISOFIX CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS"

Annex 16, the table, amend to read:

"Annex 16

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFETY BELTS AND RETRACTORS

Vehicle Category	Forward facing seating positions				Rear facing Seating positions
	Outboard seating positions		Centre seating positions		
	Front	Other than front	Front	Other than front	
....
N2 N3	B -Br3, Br4m, Br4Nm or A Ar4m,Ar4Nm*

B. JUSTIFICATION

The amendments to the titles are aimed at being in line with the amendments of TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2004/26/Rev.1 which is proposed by France. This proposal is complementing TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2004/26/Rev.1 and both aim to enlarge the scope of Regulation No. 16 in accordance with the additional new requirements of the safety belt reminder systems.

With regard to the minimum requirements for safety belts and retractors in Annex 16, Japan is currently considering adopting Regulation No. 16 into its national regulations. However, the Japanese safety regulation and Regulation No. 16 differ from each other in the fact that the Japanese safety regulation requires, from a standpoint of ensuring the driver's safety in the event of a collision, the mandatory installation of an emergency locking retractor (ELR) at the driver's seat of category N2 and N3 vehicles, whereas Regulation No. 16 does not require such mandatory installation of ELRs. Thus, Japan proposes to amend Regulation No. 16 as above.

As these amendments are obviously strengthening the current requirements of the Regulation No. 16, Japan believes that, according to TRANS/WP.29/1044, the proposals should be introduced as a new series of amendments.
