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##### Other Business – Revision of the publication

"WP.29: How it works, how to join it"

### Revised Proposal of the World Forum WP.29 publication ("The Blue Book")

#### Note by the secretariat\*

The text reproduced below was prepared by the secretariat to update the World Forum WP.29 publication ("The Blue Book"). It describes the status of the revision, giving information about procedural questions and input received from Contracting Parties. The consolidated text of the revised publication is contained in informal document WP.29–154–06, which is submitted to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and to the Administrative Committee (AC.1) for final consideration.

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\* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106 and ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

1. The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) has been considering updating the publication "World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulation (WP.29) – How it works, how to join it" also known as the "Blue Book". The last edition was issued in 2002. Since then important changes have been introduced into the regulatory process and into the working conditions of the World Forum.
2. The revised text of the publication is based on the text of ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2011/52 and contains an update of the national and regional regulatory process from Canada (WP.29–153–17), India (WP.29–153–40), the Republic of Korea (WP.29–153–32), the Russian Federation (WP.29–153–38) and the European Union (WP.29–153–25).
3. In addition to these contributions the representatives from China, Japan and the United States of America have announced at the 153<sup>rd</sup> session of WP.29 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1089, para. 84) their intention to submit updates concerning their areas of interest. The contribution from Japan was received by the secretariat and incorporated into the text. At its 153<sup>rd</sup> session, the secretariat was requested to prepare a consolidated version of the publication, introducing all the contributions available.
4. The consolidated text of the publication is distributed as informal document WP.29–154–06 containing all contributions received, as well as some text modules by the secretariat.
5. In addition to the expected contributions from China and the United States of America, all contributions received will be incorporated into the text accordingly.
6. The text of informal document WP.29–154–06 is submitted to the World Forum for consideration and eventual adoption.
7. If WP.29 agrees to the text the secretariat will prepare the publication in the six official languages of the United Nations.

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