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Coordination and organization of work – Revision of the mandates of the World Forum WP.29 and its subsidiary Working Parties (GRs), biennial evaluation for 2010-2011 and programme of work for 2012-2013 and for 2012-2016

Draft programme of work for 2012-2016

Note by the secretariat

1. The Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-first session (8-11 February 1999) requested its subsidiary bodies to indicate, in the programme of work, the priorities - 1, 2 or 3 - of work elements, this showing the output expected for each element and to dissociate work elements which are permanent in character from those with a limited duration (TRANS/1999/7, para. 35 and ECE/TRANS/128, para. 130).
2. On the basis of the programme of work for 2010-2014, programme activity 02.4: development and harmonization of vehicle regulations (see ECE/TRANS/2010/8 and Corr.1 and ECE/TRANS/208, para. 106), the secretariat has prepared a draft revised programme of work for 2012-2016, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, for consideration by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29).
3. The secretariat also included activities of limited duration in accordance with the developments proposed by the World Forum as the update of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions" (1958 Agreement), the development of an electronic database for the exchange of type approval documentation (DETA) and the development of market fuel quality standards (FQ).

Programme activity 02.4: Development and Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations

02.4.1. Regulations for the construction of vehicles

Priority: 1

Description: The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) with the assistance of its six subsidiary Working Parties (Working Party on Noise (GRB), Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE), Working Party on Lighting and Light-signalling (GRE), Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF), Working Party on General Safety provisions (GRSG) and Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP), will develop regulations and recommendations for motor vehicles, their equipment and parts and harmonize and update the existing ones, including the relevant activities aimed at improving road transport safety, saving energy, taking into account the protection of the environment as well as eliminating technical barriers to trade of road vehicles.

Work to be undertaken: By the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its six subsidiary Working Parties (GRB, GRE, GRPE, GRRF, GRSG and GRSP)

Continuing activities

(a) In the framework of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions" (1958 Agreement) and the "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" (1998 Agreement), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance performance of vehicles with respect to:

- (i) general safety and anti-theft provisions.
- (ii) pollution and energy.
- (iii) brakes and running gear.
- (iv) lighting and light-signalling.
- (v) noise.
- (vi) passive safety.

Output expected at the end of 2013:

Under the 1958 Agreement: Adoption of four new UN Regulations; Adoption of 130 amendments to existing UN Regulations.

Under the 1998 Agreement: Implementation of an action plan for listing two technical regulations in the Compendium of Candidates to become UN Global Technical Regulations; Development of new UN Global Technical Regulations (gtr); Establishment of two new UN Global Technical Regulations (gtr) in the Global Registry.

Priority: 1

(b) Development of recommendations regarding the construction of vehicles (Consolidated Resolution R.E.3 and Special Resolution No. 1) with the aim of providing guidance with respect to requirements not covered by regulations.

Output expected by the end of 2013:

Adoption of two amendments to the existing Resolutions

Priority: 1

02.4.2. Rules on Periodical Technical Inspection of vehicles

Priority: 1

Description: The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), assisted by its six subsidiary Working Parties, will develop rules for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles with respect to their environmental and safety performance and for the reciprocal recognition of the results of such inspections.

Work to be undertaken: By the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and its six subsidiary Working Parties (GRB, GRE, GRPE, GRRF, GRSG and GRSP)

Continuing activities

(c) In the framework of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles and the reciprocal recognition of such inspections" (1997 Agreement), Rule No. 2 on safety will entry into force, the World Forum will consider the update of Rules Nos. 1 (emissions) and 2 (safety) to extend their scope and to strength their requirements.

Output expected at the end of 2013

Entry into force of draft Rule No.2 (concerning inspections with respect to safety performance) to be annexed to the 1997 Agreement and consideration of draft amendments to Rules Nos. 1 and 2

Priority: 1

Activities of limited duration

(d) Update of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions" (1958 Agreement).

Output expected:

Adoption of a road map on time schedule and list of amendments to the Agreement. If the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) adopts the road map, prepare the amendments to the Agreement for its consideration by the World Forum.

Priority: 1

(e) Development of an electronic database for the exchange of type approval documentation (DETA)

Output expected:

Presentation of a proposal for the development of the electronic database to the World Forum, including its financial and human resources need for managing the database. [1/2]

Priority:

(f) Development and adoption of market fuel quality standards to be incorporated in the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) and/or in the

corresponding UN Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement.

Output expected:

Adoption of a first set of standards for market fuel quality and its incorporation into R.E.3.
Preparation of a second set of standards, subject to the decision of the World Forum for the continuation of the work. Priority:
[1/2]
