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Proposal for draft Supplement 5 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 44

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Spain on behalf of the Technical Services Group (TSG) on Regulation No. 44. It aims to clarify air bag activation conditions when a rearward facing child restraint is installed in front of it. The modifications to the current text of Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (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.

I. Proposal

Paragraph 15.2.9., amend to read

"15.2.9. In the case of rearward facing systems the customer shall be advised not to use them in seating positions where there is a **frontal active** airbag installed. This information shall be clearly visible at the point of sale without removing the packaging;"

II. Justification

Some systems can deactivate the front passenger airbag. A deactivated airbag does not threaten a child occupant when seated in rear facing CRS. Accordingly, the proposal aims to amend paragraph 15.2.9. which relates only to frontal active airbags.
