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PROPOSAL BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
ON ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING
VEHICLE ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL SYSTEMS (ESC)
BY THE ECE REGULATION

Note: This proposal is made in accordance with the decision of the GRRF at its 62nd session (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/62, para. 7).

The Russian Federation supports the proposal made by the European Commission on mandatory application of ESC systems on light vehicles stipulated by the ECE Regulation.

However, the Russian Federation considers inexpedient adoption of the related provisions as a series of amendments to the ECE Regulations No. 13-H because:

- (a) ESC systems only nominally may be considered as braking systems because even their performance is realized by the application of service brakes, the designation of the ESC systems (improvement of vehicle handling and stability) differs from designation of the braking system (vehicle decelerating and stopping).
- (b) The ECE Regulations No. 13-H is an extensive and technically complex document, therefore inclusion of additional provisions into it might further complicate its understanding and application.
- (c) The provisions on mandatory application of the ECE Regulations are not supported by several contracting parties of the 1958 Geneva Agreement applying the ECE Regulations No. 13-H. In this regard, it can be expected that such countries would make certain legal steps, for example, state that the particular provisions of the ECE Regulations are not considered mandatory for those countries. This situation may break the legal mechanism of the uniform application of the ECE Regulations by all contracting parties of the 1958 Geneva Agreement. The Russian Federation would like to avoid such kind of a situation.

Taking into account the aforesaid reasons the Russian Federation would support the proposal on adoption of the provisions to the ESC systems as a new ECE Regulation.
