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CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO AMEND FORMAL DOCUMENT TRANS/WP.29/2002/24 CONCERNING PROPOSED GUIDELINES REGARDING PROPOSING AND DEVELOPING OF GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

A. PROPOSAL:

Paragraph 2., amend to read:

"2. ... The proposed GTR may be based on the harmonization of **UN/ECE Regulations and regulations listed in the Compendium of Candidates,** or may be a new regulation ...

- A proposed GTR that is based on harmonization must identify all **relevant** regulations of the Contracting Parties that are contained in the Compendium of Candidates and the corresponding ECE Regulation.
- ... "

Paragraph 4., amend to read:

"4. ...

- ...
- Consider other regulations, which are **UN/ECE Regulations or are** listed in the Compendium**, and pertain to** the same subject
- **Consider all known voluntary standards on the same subject**
- ...
- Describe any additional **research or testing** needed
- **Describe any contentious issues**."

Paragraph 5., amend to read:

"5. ...

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- ...
- Requests additional **research or testing identified by GR and/or guidelines for dealing with the identified contentious issues.**"

Paragraph 6., amend to read:

"6. ...

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- **Demands identified research or testing from the Contracting Party that submitted the proposal and/or finds solution for the identified contentious issues.**"

Add Figure 1. depicting the GTR development process.

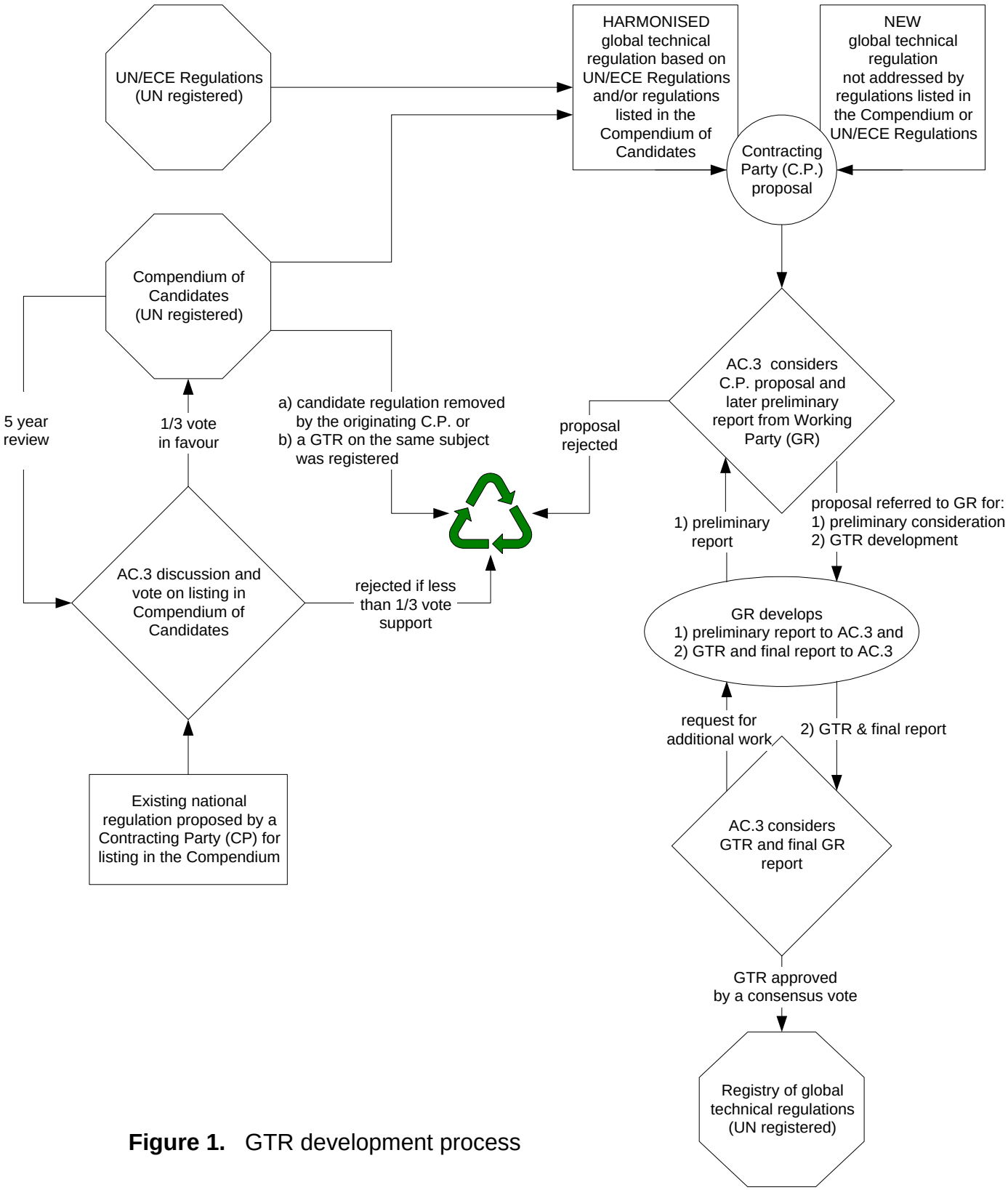

Figure 1. GTR development process

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B. JUSTIFICATION:

Paragraph 2.
This paragraph should reflect provisions of the Global Agreement. According to the Global Agreement, para. 6.2., the harmonized global technical regulations (GTR) is to be based on relevant regulations listed in the Compendium of Candidates or the UN/ECE Regulations on the same subject. Before being considered for harmonization, national regulations should be placed in the Compendium of Candidates.

Paragraph 4.
Second bullet. As is written this bullet may be misinterpreted. The Global Agreement stipulates that a harmonized GTR is to relate to elements of performance or design characteristics addressed either by regulations listed in the Compendium or by UN/ECE Regulations, therefore both sources of the reference documents should be mentioned. If however, the intent of this bullet is to include in the analyses other national or sub-national regulations not listed in the Compendium of Candidates, then the text should stop at the first coma of the original text and the bullet should read:

- "Consider other regulations on the same subject"

New bullet. This bullet should compel the Working Party (GR) to consider existing voluntary standards on the subject of the proposed GTR. Many industry standards go beyond the regulations, provide better protection for the road users and/or address the newest technology. Establishing a new GTR based solely on existing, UN-registered regulations may lead to a discrepancy between the regulatory requirements and the industry standards, the new, available technology or both.

Last bullet. GR itself should be able to seek any additional or missing information without burdening WP.29 with this task. The GR-expert from the Contracting Party proposing the new GTR should be able to provide any such information needed. What this bullet(s) should identify are items, with witch the GR is not equipped to deal (e.g. additional research or test program requiring funds or political decision for which the GR experts have no authorization).

Paragraphs 5. and 6.
Although, these paragraphs do not reflect the provisions of 1998 Agreement, some form of preliminary, and possibly interim, formal communication between AC.3 and a GR could be desired, especially, with regard to the new bullets suggested for Paragraph 4.

Last bullet - both paragraphs. The text of these bullets should be amended in accordance with proposed changes in Paragraph 4.

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