Annex 2

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE GRSP INFORMAL GROUP ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ADOPTED BY GRSP AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

The development of the informal group within GRSP on the topic of pedestrian safety should be seen as a concentration of effort within GRSP and not a duplication of existing groups.

The work could examine and combine the efforts of the work done by Japan, the United States of America, EEVC, IHRA and any other governmental and non-governmental organizations in the area of pedestrian safety. It could then further develop the knowledge and requirements.

The aim of the group is to report and present a performance-based proposal for the testing and qualification of vehicles, including passenger cars, vans, and light trucks, with respect to pedestrian safety, which could reasonably be incorporated in a global technical regulation (gtr).

In developing such a report, the informal group should give consideration to:

- clarification of the number and source of the injuries (e.g., hood, windshield, pavement), the relative importance of fatal injury mechanisms and areas of the body affected;
- objective(s) and benefits of any new regulation (or amendments to existing regulations) with reference to present levels and sources of knowledge;
- use of the best available technology and improvements in technology that will provide significant steps in developing methods and in achieving and improving benefits, including both active and passive safety measures;
- the costs, both monetary and social, that may be attendant to each level of regulatory stringency or performance;
- the relationship or potential interaction of any proposed technical regulation to other regulations currently in force or to be adopted either individually by any Contracting Party or under existing Agreements administered by WP.29.

The informal group will have the responsibility of preparing and bringing forward a proposal for a gtr, based upon the research and development work done so far by different institutions and the industry and take account of any additional work that is being undertaken.

The preparation of the proposal shall consist of two phases:

Phase 1

The informal group shall prepare a written analysis of the feasibility and desirability for a gtr on pedestrian safety and submit it to the Executive Committee (AC.3) by the end of 2003.

The group shall investigate recommendations and methods of implementation with a view to the development of a global technical regulation.

Phase 2

Assuming that the Executive Committee of the 1998 Global Agreement maintains its previously expressed support for the development of a gtr, the informal group shall develop complete and detailed recommendations, in compliance with paragraph 6.3.4. of Article 6 of the 1998 Agreement, by the end of 2005.