

Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Informal Group of IWVTA

Date and time, and Venue:

November 5, 2010, 10:00-15:30 at CCFA Paris

November 11, 2010, 15:30-16:30 at UN Geneva

Participants: Messrs. Gauvin (chair), Renders (co-chair), Onoda (co-chair), Yamada (secretary), Lagrange (ECE Secretariat).

Government: France, Japan, Netherland, Russia, South Africa, United Kingdom

Industry : OICA, CLEPA, GTB

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

#### **IWVTA-03-01**

- Agenda is adopted. NL requested to confirm the schedule of this informal group. The chair confirmed that the regular meeting is held on Friday at Paris prior to the WP29, and if necessary Thursday afternoon of the WP29 week will be used.
- The special informal meeting is planned to be held in January next year in Tokyo.

### **2. Adoption of the Report for the 2nd Meeting**

- On page 2, point 4, the word “entirely is replaced by the word “mainly”. With this change, the report is adopted.
- EU requests to clearly mention the action item in the minutes.

### **3. Consideration of technical requirement items list**

#### **IWVTA-03-02, 04, 05, 06, 07**

- Japan introduces document IWVTA-03-02 and explain category b and c items referring the situation in Japan. The chair clarifies that category b items are necessary to be discussed by the responsible GR. ECE secretariat points out that some ECE regulations are already exist: ECE R67 and R110 exist for high pressure gas, and ECE R118 exists for burning behavior.
- OICA pointed out that ECE regulations which are not applicable to M1, like ECE R118, R13, R18 should be deleted from the list.
- South Africa introduces document IWVTA-03-04.
- Russia introduces document IWVTA-03-05. ECE R49 and R96 are mentioned for M1, but these are mistakes.
- In the absence of Australia, the document IWVTA-03-06 is noted.

- OICA introduces their document titled “Overview of existing national requirement as per list of ECE regulations”. OICA points out that ECE regulations which are accepted, but not mandated by any countries are not necessary to be included in IWVTA. EU explains that from 1958 agreement point of view, the acceptance of ECE regulation is important, not implementation in each country.
- OICA points out that the different level of IWVTA is the item to be considered.

**The chair requests the secretary to prepare the consolidated list regarding the requirement items based on regulations in EU, Japan, South Africa, The Russian Federation and Australia. The requirement item list will be discussed at Informal Group meeting in March.**

#### **4. Consideration of draft roadmap**

##### **IWVTA-03-03**

- The secretary introduces document IWVTA-03-03, the draft roadmap. The chair suggests to add the possible revision of 1958 agreement to the roadmap.

**The roadmap for possible 1958 agreement revision will be discussed in the next Informal Group meeting in January.**

- EU explains that document IWVTA-02-08 contains the elements they thought necessary to revise in the 58 Agreement.

**All members are requested to study EU document IWVTA-02-08 and submit their comments before next Informal Group meeting in January.**

- Russia already submitted their comment by document IWVTA-03-07.
- Several experts pointed out that the other ministries responsible for foreign affairs should be involved in the future discussion of the revision of the agreement.

#### **5. Other business**

- OICA introduces their document on “ECE 0 concept”. The Chair thanks OICA and states that the approach is quite interesting. Japan asked how to treat ECE regulations which are simultaneously adopted with ECE 0 if they are applicable to categories other than M1.
- UK points out that automatic adoption of ECE regulations need to be checked by

legal service.

- Russia asks where to mention the qualification of the technical service, in the agreement itself or in its annexes.

### **Topics of Informal Group on November 11:**

- On request of EU, in the Informal Group meeting on November 11, Japan explains the detail of the special informal group meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2011 in Tokyo. Japan introduces the document IWVTA-03-08, and explains the agenda and the venue of the meeting. Asia Government and Industry meeting will be held next day.
- As the possible revision of 1958 agreement is the main agenda of January meeting, the chair requests everybody to submit the comment to EU document IWVTA-02-08 by January. Japan comments that the urgency and importance should be considered to take it as the item for the possible revision of 1958 agreement. The chair comments that the justification should be well prepared.
- Russia proposes to discuss ECE 0 concept in January meeting because IWVTA maybe possible without large revision of 1958 agreement if ECE 0 works. The chair comments that EU proposal will be a main topic in January meeting, and he wants to discuss what is the best way: to change the agreement, to make annex or to make ECE 0.

### **Action items**

- 1. All members are requested to study EU document IWVTA-02-08 and submit their comments before next Informal Group meeting in January 2011.**
- 2. The chair requests the secretary to prepare the consolidated list regarding the requirement items based on regulations in EU, Japan, South Africa, The Russian Federation and Australia. The requirement item list will be discussed at Informal Group meeting in March 2011.**
- 3. The secretary will prepare the roadmap for possible 1958 agreement revision to be discussed in the next Informal Group meeting in January 2011.**