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**Consideration by consensus decision on the use of**

**the term "UN GTR" in official documents under the 1998 Agreement**

Proposal for a decision on the use of term "UN GTR" in official documents under the 1998 Agreement

**Submitted by the secretariat** [[1]](#footnote-2)\*

The text reproduced below was submitted by the secretariat. It is based on informal document WP.29-171-30, distributed at the forty-ninth session of the Executive Committee (AC.3) (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1129, paras. 138-140). The purpose of this proposed decision is to align the format with similar terms under equivalent agreements, such as the 1958 Agreement, and thus to improve the implementation of the 1998 Agreement and not to amend it. It is submitted to AC.3 for consideration and vote at its June 2017 session.

Decision

1. The Contracting Parties to the 1998 Agreement concerning the establishment of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles of 25 June 1998 (1998 Agreement), as represented by the Executive Committee pursuant to Article 3 of the 1998 Agreement,

2. *Desiring* to establish global technical regulations ensuring high levels of safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and anti-theft performance of Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles,

3. *Bearing in mind* that the 1998 Agreement provides for the establishment of UN Global Technical Regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles was opened for signature in Geneva on 25 June 1998,

4. *Bearing in mind* that the Agreement facilitate the trade of wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts with harmonized performance requirements among the respective Contracting Parties consistent with the achievement of high levels of safety and environment protection,

5. *Bearing in mind* the decision taken at its forty-ninth session to align the format of the abbreviated term for global technical regulations with similar terms under equivalent agreements, such as the 1958 Agreement, and thus to improve the implementation of the 1998 Agreement and not to amend it,

6. *Decide* that in official documents under the 1998 Agreement the term "UN GTR" may be used. This decision does not amend the 1998 Agreement that uses the term "global technical regulation".

1. \* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2016–2017 (ECE/TRANS/254, para. 159 and ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1, cluster 3.1), 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)