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REPORT

ATTENDANCE

1. The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) held its one-hundred-and-thirtieth session from 24 to 27 June 2003, under the chairmanship of Mr. V. Kutenev (Russian Federation). The following countries were represented, following Rule 1(a) of the Rules of Procedure of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690): Australia; Belgium; Canada; Croatia; Czech Republic; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; India; Italy; Japan; Luxembourg; Mexico; Netherlands; New Zealand; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Republic of Korea; Romania; Russian Federation; Serbia and Montenegro; Slovakia; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Turkey; Ukraine; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America. Representatives of the European Community (EC) participated. The following non-governmental organizations were also represented: International Organization for Standardization (ISO); International Touring Alliance/International Automobile Association (AIT/FIA); International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA); International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA); European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA) ^{1/}; European Tyre and Rim Technical Organization (ETRTO); Working Party "Brussels 1952" (GTB); Consumers International (CI); Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE); European LPG Association (AEGPL); Union of Technical Assistance for Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic (UNATAC); Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA). At the invitation of the Vice-Chairman, the International Specialty Parts Association (SEMA) also participated.

A. SESSION OF WP.29

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The provisional agenda (TRANS/WP.29/925) was adopted by WP.29 with the modifications noted below:

(i) Additional and amended items and documents:

Item 2.2., amend to read:

"Programme of work and the Calendar of sessions for 2004",
document TRANS/WP.29/2003/1/Amend.1 should read TRANS/WP.29/2003/1/ Rev.1

^{1/} Representing also Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) and Japan Auto Parts Industries Association (JAPIA) (TRANS/WP.29/885, para. 4).

Add a new item 8.2., as follows:

"8.2. Standardizing the amendment procedure of ECE Regulations."

(ii) Deferred items (for justifications see para. 5 below):

Items 4.2.15. and 4.2.16.	Regulation No. 67
Items 4.3.1. to 4.3.6.	New draft Regulations
Item 4.4.1.	Regulation No. 18 (outstanding proposal)

3. The documents distributed without a symbol during the session are listed in annex 1 to this report.

2. COORDINATION AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

2.1. Report of the Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2)

4. The eighty-second session of WP.29/AC.2, considering the coordination and organization of work of WP.29, was held on 23 June 2003, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Gauvin (France) and attended by representatives of the European Community (EC); Canada; France; Germany; Italy; Japan; Russian Federation; United Kingdom; United States of America.

5. WP.29/AC.2 reviewed the provisional agenda of the current session of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/925) and recommended the modifications (see para. 2 above). Concerning the items deferred, it was noted that:

(a) For items 4.2.15. and 4.2.16., concerning Regulation No. 67, the EC representative announced that the documents TRANS/WP.29/2001/61 and TRANS/WP.29/2003/39 have not yet been cleared for voting by the European Union (EU).

(b) For items 4.3.1. to 4.3.6., and 4.4.1. the representative of the EC confirmed that the internal procedures necessary for a formal adoption were in progress, but he was still awaiting the authorization to vote on behalf of the EU.

WP.29/AC.2 also suggested that the draft amendment to Regulation No. 113 should be considered without the proposal of informal document No. 7 which should be transmitted to GRE for consideration.

6. For item 7.1., concerning the guidelines for the submission and evaluation of petitions concerning automotive lighting regulations, WP.29/AC.2 rejected the proposal to annex it to the R.E.3, and suggested that it should be considered with the document relating to the interpretation issues (agenda item 8.1.2.). The delegate from Germany raised his concerns about the proposal and WP.29/AC.2 agreed to refer the document back to GRE for reconsideration.

7. The Chairman of GRSG raised the question regarding the administrative status of the so-called "gtr 0". AC.2 discussed possible options and agreed to propose to WP.29 several possibilities, including: 1) a new stand-alone Resolution; 2) annexing the new definitions to

WP.29 Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure; and 3) developing a new Consolidated Resolution that links current definitions in the current Consolidated Resolution (R.E.3) with the new definitions of "gtr 0".

8. At the request of the GRSP Chairwoman, WP.29/AC.2 agreed to recommend to WP.29 that technical regulations should not include policy statements, however they could be mentioned in the reports of the various meetings.

9. WP.29/AC.2 agreed that the concerns relating to the analysis of the cost-effectiveness of gtrs, which is required under the 1998 Agreement, should be addressed by WP.29.

10. The delegate from Japan considered the approval marking as essential for the identification of the safety level of the vehicle. With regard to its deletion, he requested full consideration by WP.29 before taking a final decision (see para. 52 below). WP.29/AC.2 decided to address this subject under a special agenda item at the WP.29 and AC.1 November 2003 sessions.

11. WP.29/AC.2 noted the programme of work as well as the provisional calendar of meetings of WP.29 and its subsidiary bodies for 2004 transmitted by the secretariat (see para. 24 below and annex 2).

12. WP.29/AC.2 reviewed the state of preparation of the fourth informal meeting on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and examined the documents tabled for consideration. It suggested that for WP.29, prior to the fourth informal meeting, only a general review should be presented (see para. 27 below). With regard to the planned Round Table to be held during the sixty-sixth session of the Inland Transport Committee, WP.29/AC.2 suggested the afternoon of 18 February 2004. This date, after ratification by WP.29, should be recommended to the Director of the UNECE Transport Division. A detailed consideration of the contents of the Round Table should be delegated to the fourth meeting of the informal group, scheduled for Friday, 27 June 2003.

13. WP.29/AC.2 considered also the forecast by the secretariat for the agenda of the one-hundred-and-thirty-first session, to be held in Geneva, from 11 to 14 November 2003. It was noted that thirty-nine amendments were expected to existing ECE Regulations, along with already pending proposals for six new draft Regulations and 3 amendments to new draft Regulations.

14. In relation with the 1958 Agreement, WP.29/AC.2 continued its deliberations concerning the enforcement of type approval and conformity of production requirements.

15. Concerning the assistance in resolving interpretation issues, WP.29/AC.2 noted that a proposal for amending the proposal by France (informal document No. 13), relating to the treatment of interpretations and supervision of the Technical Services, was transmitted by the Russian Federation (informal document No. 12). WP.29/AC.2 suggested that WP.29 should consider both proposals.

16. WP.29/AC.2 also noted that the United States of America and Canada would submit a description of their procedures regarding motor vehicle safety regulation enforcement (for details see paras. 88 and 89 below).

17. The delegate of the United Kingdom gave a presentation on the electronic database system for interpretation issues and type approvals of his country. WP.29/AC.2 agreed to give the same presentation during the WP.29 session (see para. 80 below).

18. WP.29/AC.2 noted the proposal by Japan on standardizing the amendment procedure of ECE Regulations under the 1958 Agreement and agreed to propose to WP.29 an exhaustive consideration of the issue (see paras. 91 and 92 below).

19. Concerning the development of new gtrs under the 1998 Agreement, WP.29/AC.2 noted the official proposal by the United States of America to the Executive Committee AC.3 concerning the development of a gtr on door locks and door retention components. WP.29/AC.2 also noted preliminary reports to be submitted to AC.3 on the situation of the work of the informal groups in charge of the development of gtrs on pedestrian safety and on door lock and door retention components (for details see paras. 130 and 132 below). WP.29/AC.2 agreed to update the table of priorities and proposals (informal document No. 2) to include references to progress reports.

20. For the 1997 Agreement on periodical technical inspections, WP.29/AC.2 agreed to propose to AC.4 a detailed discussion to consider the possibility of amending articles 1 and 12 of the Agreement (for details see paras. 146 to 150 below).

21. WP.29 noted the report of WP.29/AC.2 on its eighty-second session and accepted the recommendations.

22. The delegate from the United Kingdom announced that, following a reorganization of his division, Mr. G. Harvey would no longer be in a position to retain the Chairmanship of GRRF. WP.29 agreed that the election of a new Chairman should take place during the next GRRF session in October 2003.

2.2. Programme of work and documentation and the Calendar of sessions for 2004

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/1/Rev.1 and annex 2 to this report.

23. WP.29 noted the programme of work prepared by the secretariat and invited the Chairpersons of the subsidiary bodies to examine it, and to indicate to the secretariat any corrections or modifications necessary.

24. WP.29 noted the provisional Calendar of meetings of WP.29 and its subsidiary bodies for 2004 transmitted by the secretariat and reproduced in annex 2 to this report. In order to have a better use of the meetings, WP.29 decided to split, for the Calendar of sessions for 2005, the second sessions of GRRF and GRB.

2.3. Matters arising from the fifty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

25. The secretariat informed WP.29 that, at the fifty-eighth session, the UNECE considered national sustainable developments strategies as well as the regional perspectives on sustainable

development and its implications for the work on the UNECE. Proposals for the UNECE reform and for major policy directions of UNECE's work were also considered. It was noted that the frequency of meetings and the number of reports should be reviewed for efficiency and relevance and that UNECE should continue to focus its work in areas where it has recognized expertise and proven advantages. UNECE was informed on the results of the preparatory Pan-European Regional Ministerial Conference for the World Summit on Information Society and on the preparation of the World Summit to be held in December 2003. The session report (E/2003/37-E/ECE/1406), currently in translation and publication, should soon be available in the website of UNECE:

<http://www.unece.org/commission/index.htm>

26. Concerning the availability and publication of documents, WP.29 insisted that all the official documents should be placed on the website in the original language as soon as possible.

2.4. Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) - including the preparation of a Round Table

Documentation: Informal documents Nos. 1, 9, 10 and 11 of annex 1 to this report.

27. WP.29 confirmed the date of the afternoon of 18 February 2004 for the Round Table to be held during the sixty-sixth session of the Inland Transport Committee and requested the secretariat to convey this information to the Director of the UNECE Transport Division. WP.29 agreed that the related documents should be considered during the fourth session of the ITS informal group, scheduled for 27 June 2003.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES SUBSIDIARY TO WP.29

3.1. Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) (Thirty-second session, 10 - 13 December 2002)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/32.

28. WP.29 recalled the report of the GRSP Chairwoman, given during the one-hundred-and-twenty-ninth session (TRANS/WP.29/909, paras. 32-41), and approved the report.

3.2. Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE) (Forty-fifth session, 14 – 17 January 2003)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/45.

29. WP.29 recalled the oral presentation that had been given by the GRPE Chairman during the one-hundred-and-twenty-ninth session (TRANS/WP.29/909, paras. 42-57), and approved the report.

3.3. Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)
(Fifty-third session, 3 - 7 February 2003)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/53.

30. WP.29 recalled the session results, as presented by the GRRF Chairman during the previous session (TRANS/WP.29/909, paras. 58-66) and approved the report.

3.4. Highlights of the recent sessions (Oral reports by the Chairpersons)

3.4.1. Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE)
(Fiftieth session, 7 - 11 April 2003)

31. The GRE Chairman reported that the group had been very productive during its fiftieth session (for details, see the report of the session TRANS/WP.29/GRE/50) and gave an account of the work accomplished.

32. He informed GRE that the AFS informal group will meet again in Frankfurt, from 15 to 17 July 2003.

3.4.2. Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG)
(Eighty-fourth session, 5 - 9 May 2003)

33. The GRSG Chairman reported on the results made by the group during its eighty-fourth session (for details see the report of the session TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/63).

34. He also informed WP.29 that GRSG, at the request of the United Kingdom, agreed to seek WP.29's consent to set up an informal group to deal with passengers' safety on buses and coaches when using wheelchairs.

35. Referring to Regulation No. 43 (Safety glazing), the GRSG Chairman reported that prescriptions for the marking of safety glazing with a regular transmittance of less than 40 per cent had been adopted by a majority. He said that the proposal would be transmitted to WP.29 and AC.1 at their November 2003 sessions for consideration.

36. The Chairman recalled that, at the request of WP.29, GRSG had considered possible measures concerning the fire extinguishing devices (TRANS/WP.29/841, paras. 27 and 28). He informed WP.29 about the presentations made by different experts about national legislation on fire extinguishers, that Regulations Nos. 36, 52 and 107 contained prescriptions for the space to be provided for the installation of fire extinguishers and that any Regulation under the 1958 Agreement contained prescriptions for fire extinguishers. The Chairman suggested that, unless WP.29 expressed a mandate to elaborate a new draft Regulation on technical prescriptions for fire extinguishers, GRSG would consider to have finished its work on this issue, and that national legislation would continue to cover the prescriptions for the mandatory presence and use of fire extinguishers.

37. Considering the work results of the informal group on "Common tasks" (chaired by Mr. T. Onoda, Japan), WP.29 agreed with the proposals from WP.29/AC.2 to explore the three

options they proposed (see para. 7 of this report). The proposed revision to the Consolidated Resolution would link definitions under the 1958 Agreement with those of "gtr 0" for regulations under the 1998 Agreement. The secretariat was requested to explore the development of a new "free-standing" Resolution that would serve to establish the definitions of "gtr 0" for regulations under the 1998 Agreement alone. GRSG was directed to consider the implications of developing a revision to the Consolidated Resolution (R.E.3) that would include the definitions in "gtr 0".

38. WP.29 noted the report given by the GRSG Chairman and gave its formal consent to the establishment of an informal group on passengers' safety on buses and coaches when using wheelchairs.

39. The delegate from Hungary underlined the special problems of the high deck and double deck buses in case of rollover accidents. He raised his concerns about the current rollover test requirements for these vehicles and recalled three severe accidents. WP.29 supported, in principle, future efforts and activities in GRSG to avoid these accidents and to reduce their consequences, but recalled the need to have a previous working document before authorizing any new activity.

3.4.3. Working Party on Pollution and Energy
(Forty-sixth session, 19 - 23 May 2003)

40. The Chairman of GRPE reported on the results of the Group during its forty-sixth session (for details see the report of the session TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/46).

41. He informed WP.29 on the status of the governmental sponsored work on the Particle Measurement Programme within the PMP informal group (Chaired by Mr. M. Dunne - United Kingdom). He stated that the Group would finalize the work on the PMP testing methodology by the end of July 2003. He asked for WP.29's consent to have a special informal GRPE session in Geneva, on 15 September 2003, in order to finalize the related PMP report. WP.29 endorsed that request.

42. Concerning the inclusion of the so-called Euro-connector into Regulation No. 67 (Equipment for liquefied petroleum gas), the Chairman of GRPE recalled that the adoption was again deferred and stated that a final review of the proposals should also be made during the extra September session of GRPE.

43. The delegate from South Africa reiterated the invitation made to the GRPE informal group to a meeting on World-Wide Harmonized Heavy-Duty On Board Diagnostic (WWH-OBD) scheduled to be held in her country on March 2004. WP.29 acknowledged the invitation by the representative of South Africa.

44. Mr. B. Gauvin (France) informed WP.29 that, following the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690, rule 37), he had been re-elected Chairman of GRPE for its 2004 sessions.

3.4.4. Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)
(Thirty-third session, 2 - 6 June 2003)

45. The Chairwoman of GRSP reported first on the items under the 1998 Agreement programme of work. Concerning pedestrian safety, she said that the informal group set up to develop a global technical regulation (gtr) had submitted to GRSP a preliminary report, distributed as informal document No. 5 for consideration by AC.3 during its eighth session. She informed WP.29 that the informal group envisaged the submission of a recommended gtr at the GRSP May 2005 session. The Chairwoman said that GRSP had requested the consent of AC.3 to officially begin the drafting of the gtr as well as guidance from AC.3 on how to evaluate costs and benefits at the global level, given that different regions use different monetary value and methods for making these types of analyses. Concerning the gtr on lower anchorages and tethers for child restraints, she recalled her report to the one-hundred-and-thirtieth session requesting guidance from AC.3 on how to proceed with this item, given the divergences between the proposed amendments related to ISOFIX to Regulations Nos. 14 (safety-belt anchorages), 16 (safety-belts) and 44 (Child restraints) and the existing regulations in the United States of America and Canada (TRANS/WP.29/909, para. 32). She said that, on this issue, the representative of the United States of America had volunteered to make a comprehensive presentation at the December 2003 session highlighting these differences.

46. Concerning the door retention components, the Chairwoman informed WP.29 that the informal group had transmitted a preliminary report to GRSP, which would be transmitted to AC.3 for consideration at its eighth session (informal document No. 6). She said that the informal group had foreseen the submission of a recommended gtr for adoption by GRSP at its May 2004 session. She indicated that GRSP had also requested the consent of AC.3 to begin the drafting of the gtr. The Chairwoman also reported that the United States of America would lead the work on the elaboration of a gtr on head restraints, once the final rule has been published in the United States of America. She said that an exchange of views on a global side impact dummy had been delayed to the December 2003 session. Finishing her presentation of items related to the Global Agreement, she reported that, regarding crash compatibility, the expert from the United States of America had announced a presentation concerning the initiative on this matter in his country for the GRSP December 2003 session. GRSP was also informed about the activities of EEVC on crash compatibility of passenger-passenger vehicles and passenger-light truck vehicles.

47. Regarding the 1958 Agreement, she said that GRSP had agreed to an amendment to Regulation No. 14 (Safety-belt anchorages), requiring three-point safety-belt anchorages for the rear outboard seats in N1 category of vehicles. The equivalent amendment to Regulation No. 16 was also agreed. The Chairwoman reported that an amendment to Regulation No. 44 (Child restraints) was also adopted and that the three amendments would be transmitted to WP.29 and AC.1 for consideration at their November 2003 sessions. She also reported that Corrigenda to Regulations Nos. 17 (Strength of seats) and No. 44 were also adopted and would be transmitted to WP.29 and AC.1 at the same session. She informed WP.29 that work would continue regarding other issues with the above-mentioned Regulations. These issues include a pending proposal for conformity of production procedures and qualification of products for child restraint systems. The proposal, which paralleled the adopted procedures for Regulation No. 22 (Protective helmets), did not reach a consensus, due to the opinion of several experts who insisted that the Conformity of Production Procedure of the 1958 Agreement was sufficient and would solve the issue of the non-conformity to Regulation No. 44 of some child restraint systems (CRS). The

Chairwoman requested the advice of WP.29, for the application of the conformity of production procedure for protective helmets to CRS.

48. Concerning ISOFIX, the Chairwoman informed WP.29 that two Corrigenda for Regulations Nos. 16 and 44 were adopted aiming at the introduction of a new "volume envelope", and that they would be transmitted to WP.29 and AC.1 for consideration at their November 2003 sessions. She also informed WP.29 that GRSP had adopted an amendment to Regulation No. 95, incorporating EUROSID-2 dummy (ES-2). She explained that, while the amendment was adopted, GRSP agreed to introduce longer transitional provisions and the incorporation of modifications to the dummy, based on improvements conducted by the United States of America as well as work being done by other participants to eliminate outstanding technical concerns. She also reported that, given the United States of America was considering an improved version of ES-2, such potential amendment would forge the way to a global side impact dummy, which could serve as an interim harmonized dummy until the WORLDSID is completed. She announced that the corresponding proposal would be transmitted to WP.29 and AC.1 for consideration at their November 2003 sessions.

49. Regarding another item under the 1958 Agreement, the Chairwoman reported that, after the consent of WP.29 for setting up an informal group, chaired by the expert from the Russian Federation, to deal with the amendments to Regulation No. 29 (Cabs of commercial vehicles), a first meeting was planned for October 2003, and that this informal group would consider all the GRSP proposals for amending the Regulation.

50. She informed WP.29 that GRSP had agreed on the principle for accelerating test devices, as an alternative test method for Regulations Nos. 16, 17, and 44, but that work would continue on this matter. She said that, for its next December session, GRSP had invited the new Chairman of EEVC in order to have a general overview of EEVC activities as well as the Chairmen of several EEVC Working Groups to provide progress reports in several areas under consideration by GRSP.

51. The Chairwoman also sought guidance on the issue of incorporating policy statements within the text of regulations. She indicated that participants frequently made that request, and in light of the efforts by WP.29 to improve the quality of drafting of regulations, such policy statements within the regulations might be confusing and would not be consistent with WP.29's efforts. She said that it would be sufficient to put such policy statements in the reports of the meetings and asked WP.29 to make a decision that would be applicable to GRSP and other Working Parties.

52. The Chairwoman concluded her report by explaining to WP.29 that GRSP had considered the issue of restraining of children traveling on buses and coaches. GRSP experts had decided to study European Union Directive 2003/20/EC on the compulsory use of safety restraint systems, by children aged 3 and over in M2 and M3 vehicles and to transmit their opinions to WP.29 and WP.1. She said that GRSP had agreed to continue consideration of the proposal for draft Rule No. 2 to be annexed to the 1997 Agreement at the December 2003 session. Concerning the deletion of the approval marking for vehicle systems, the Chairwoman said that GRSP had not reached consensus on any of the proposals put forth by OICA and that Japan had expressed concerns about the deletion of these markings, which would not allow the possibility for checking

the conformity of vehicles to specific regulations covering systems. Japan requested that this issue be raised at WP.29.

53. Regarding cost and benefit analyses, WP.29 agreed that the primary purpose was to provide the existing analyses in order to allow an objective decision when adopting a gtr and requested the governmental and non-governmental organizations to share their data on these analyses. WP.29 also agreed on the solutions agreed by GRSP and on the study by GRSP of the retention of children traveling on buses and coaches.

54. WP.29 also agreed that general policy statements should not be a part of technical regulations but could be mentioned in related reports. After an exchange of views on the subject of conformity of production (COP), WP.29 recognized the need for special procedures for COP for CRS, but WP.29 did not make a decision on how to proceed but agreed that this special procedure should not be applied to other Regulations. The Chairwoman suggested, with the agreement of WP.29, to continue consideration of the proposal and potential solutions at GRSP. CLEPA stated that to respond to the issue raised by France at GRSP, Conformity of Production procedures should also be fully enforced by Contracting Parties.

4. 1958 AGREEMENT

4.1. Status of the Agreement and of the annexed Regulations, including the latest situation report

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/343/Rev.11/Amend.1.

55. The update to the status document, reflecting the situation as at 18 June 2002, was presented by the secretariat. The correction to the status document was carefully analyzed. The delegate from Turkey agreed with the document for the application by his country of Regulations Nos.13-H and 100 to 109, and announced that his country would communicate the Administrative Department and Technical Services regarding these Regulations.

56. The delegates from OICA and CLEPA insisted that the status document was extremely important in defining the policy of the manufacturers and insisted on having exact information concerning the applicability of the Regulations by the Contracting Parties. Following the advice of its Vice-Chairman, WP.29 agreed that the concerned Contracting Parties should revise their situation and consult with the Office of Legal Affairs in New York. In case they considered not to be bound by the Regulations as indicated in the document, these countries should follow the procedure to cease the application of the Regulations. WP.29 also agreed that, during the one-year period until the cessation is effective, a gentleman's agreement should be applied to avoid the obligations of the concerned Contracting Party.

4.2. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS

57. WP.29 considered the following amendments under agenda items 4.2.1. to 4.2.14 and 4.2.17. to 4.2.27. Subject to the editorial corrections mentioned in the following paras. 58 to 73, WP.29 recommended that the draft amendments should be submitted to AC.1 by vote.

58. Agenda item 4.2.4. – Regulation No. 13 (Braking), document TRANS/WP.29/2003/3, remove the square brackets (7 times). Concerning document TRANS/WP.29/2003/45, WP.29 agreed with the request raised by OICA to introduce transitional provisions through a Corrigendum which would be submitted to WP.29 in November 2003.

59. Agenda item 4.2.8. – Regulation No. 30 (Pneumatic tyres), document TRANS/WP.29/2003/46, paragraph 3.1.10., correct the reference to "Regulation No. 13", to read "Regulation No. 30" (English only).

60. Agenda item 4.2.9. – Regulation No. 37 (Filament lamps), document TRANS/WP.29/2003/48, paragraph 3.6.3., the last line correct the reference to "Amendment 3 to Edition" to read "Amendment 3 to Edition 2".

61. Agenda item 4.2.11. – Regulation No. 44 (Child restraints), document TRANS/WP.29/2003/38, paragraph 7.1.4.1.10.1.2., delete the note between the square brackets.

62. Agenda item 4.2.12. – Regulation No. 48 (Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices), document TRANS/WP.29/2003/25/Rev.1, paragraph 6.21., delete the word "STRIP" (English and Russian only).

63. Agenda item 4.2.25. – Regulation No. 99 (Gas-discharge light sources), document TRANS/WP.29/2003/33, annex 1, list of sheets, correct the sheet number "Dx/1 to 6" to read "DxS/1 to 6" (English and Russian only).

64. Agenda item 4.2.27. – Regulation No. 113 (Headlamps emitting a symmetrical passing beam), document TRANS/WP.29/2003/34, the title of Regulation, correct the word "asymétrique" to read: "symétrique" (French only) and in annex 3, table B, last row, delete the reference to footnote (3) and the corresponding footnote (3).

65. The delegate from the Russian Federation raised some discrepancies in the Russian version of the documents under agenda items 4.2.1., 4.2.2. and 4.2.3. and offered to transmit to the secretariat the corrections to the text concerned. WP.29 agreed to align the Russian version to the English one.

66. Concerning Regulation No. 44, WP.29 decided that, in general, policy statements could not be included in technical regulations, but should be part of the report. For that reason, it was agreed to delete from TRANS/WP.29/2003/38, the text of the note in square brackets and to include it in the report. The text is reproduced below:

"The extra test specified in paragraph 7.1.4.1.10.1.2., which should not set a precedent for the wider introduction of special tests in Regulations to cater for misuse modes generally, is subject to review five years after the entry into force of Supplement 5 to the 03 series of amendments to Regulation No. 44, followed by possible revision."

4.3. CONSIDERATION OF NEW DRAFT REGULATIONS

67. The consideration by WP.29 of the six new draft Regulations (listed under agenda items 4.3.1. to 4.3.6.) was deferred (see paras.2. and 5 above). For the titles of the draft Regulations and the official symbols of the corresponding documents, please refer to the

respective items of the session agenda (TRANS/WP.29/925). WP.29 noted the information by the delegate from the European Community that, for agenda items 4.3.4. and 4.3.6., the corresponding proposals would be transmitted to the Council of the European Union in a few days. Learning that the internal procedure for the proposal under agenda item 4.3.5. had not yet been initiated in Brussels, WP.29 agreed that a revised document would be transmitted for its November 2003 session in order to include the amendments adopted by GRSG at its eighty-fourth session.

4.4. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS, CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING

4.4.1. Regulation No. 18 (Protection against unauthorized use)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2000/18 and Add.1.

68. The consideration of the outstanding draft amendments to Regulation No. 18 (agenda item 4.4.1.) was also deferred (see paras. 2 and 5 above).

5. 1998 AGREEMENT

5.1. Status of the Agreement and on annexed Regulations, including the latest situation report

Documentation: Informal document No. 2 of annex 1 to this report.

69. WP.29 noted the information of informal document No. 2 reflecting the present situation of the Global Agreement.

5.2. Implementation of the 1998 Agreement Programme of Work by the Working Parties subsidiary to WP.29

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/17; TRANS/WP.29/2003/51.

70. WP.29 drew attention to the oral reports given by the Chairpersons of the subsidiary Working Parties under agenda item 3.4. (see paras. 31 to 54), and agreed that a more detailed consideration of the programme of work should be considered by the Executive Committee (AC.3) of the 1998 Agreement (see paras. 123 to 138 below).

6. 1997 AGREEMENT (INSPECTIONS)

6.1. Status of the Agreement

Documentation: Informal document No. 3 of annex 1 to this report.

71. The secretariat informed WP.29 that the Agreement continued to have six Contracting Parties and eighteen signatories (informal document No. 3).

6.2. Interpretation of article 12 of the Agreement.

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/50; TRANS/WP.29/2003/53.

72. Concerning the pending ratifications, the Vice-Chairman of WP.29 stated that Mr. J. Berry from the Directorate General Energy and Transport of the European Commission was expected to participate at the third session of the Administrative Committee (AC.4) and WP.29 agreed to resume consideration of this subject under agenda item 3.2. of part B of the agenda. It was agreed that AC.4 should also consider eventual amendment to Article 12 and also to Article 1 of the Agreement in order to facilitate the accession of the European Community to the Agreement.

6.3. Progress of work in the consideration of the proposal for draft Rule No. 2 by the Working Parties subsidiary to WP.29

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/16.

73. WP.29 noted that its Working Parties had already initiated the consideration of the draft Rule No. 2 and that their positions would probably be submitted for the WP.29 March 2004 session.

7. CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES (R.E.3)

7.1. Proposal for annex 17 (new)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/35.

74. WP.29 agreed with the suggestion made by WP.29/AC.2 not to annex this proposal to the Consolidated Resolution R.E.3 and to refer it to GRE for reconsideration (see para. 6 above).

7.2. Proposal for annex 18 (new)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/44.

75. The delegate from France introduced the proposal concerning the declaration of compliance of a vehicle with a specified former version of an ECE Regulation that had been considered by GRPE. The Vice-Chairman of WP.29 clarified that this declaration would have no legal implication for the Contracting Parties. However, the declaration would be useful for non-Contracting Parties which would not apply the latest amendment of a specific Regulation. He insisted that the proposed declaration would be absolutely independent of the procedure of the 1958 Agreement. He said that the declaration would mainly be applied for Regulations related to emissions of pollutants (e.g. Regulations Nos. 49 and 83), and he stated that the same philosophy could also be applied to a number of other Regulations which were listed in appendix 2 to the document. He suggested that the authorities issuing the declaration should be those recognized under the 1958 Agreement.

76. The delegate from Japan stated that the proposal was still under consideration in his country, and requested to consider it in detail by WP.29. The delegate from Hungary suggested that the proposal should also be considered by the other subsidiary Working Parties. WP.29 shared this point of view and agreed to transmit the proposal for consideration to the subsidiary Working Parties.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. Enforcement of type approval and conformity of production standards

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2002/28

77. WP.29 noted that the consideration on this subject was still in progress.

8.1.1. Rules and recommendations for preparation of standards and regulations

78. The Vice-Chairman informed WP.29 that the work to merge the proposals of informal document No. 1 of the one-hundred-and-twenty-eighth WP.29 session and TRANS/WP.29/883 was still in progress.

8.1.2. Resolving of interpretation issues

Documentation: Informal documents Nos. 12 and 13 of annex 1 to this report.

79. The delegate from France presented the proposal that he had transmitted to WP.29/AC.2 on the treatment of interpretations and supervision of the technical services (informal document No. 13). He explained to WP.29 that the proposal had been prepared in collaboration with the United Kingdom and was supported by the European Community. He mentioned that the most relevant points were the creation of an interpretation Committee, the consideration of the new technologies incompatible with the provisions of Regulations and the duties of the Technical Services during the performance of both tests and conformity of production procedures. He said that this procedure would reinforce the transparency, the credibility and the efficiency of the 1958 Agreement.

80. The delegate from the United Kingdom made a presentation complementing the French proposal, showing an example on how to improve the communication between the Contracting Parties on common interpretation of the Regulations. The example also illustrated a file management system, which could be a basis for the establishment of a secured electronic database system for type approval data exchange under the 1958 Agreement.

81. The Vice-Chairman of WP.29 stated that the proposal allowed the management of the Regulations in an efficient and transparent way and could facilitate the understanding of the 1958 Agreement by future Contracting Parties not belonging to the UNECE region.

82. The delegate from the Russian Federation welcomed the document which was opening a practical way for the common interpretation of Regulations and introduced informal document No. 12 with comments on the French proposal.

83. The delegate from Japan said that the approach of the document was very important and helpful in solving interpretations by the Technical Services and their duties. He said that he needed more time for a complete consideration of the proposal, but expressed in principle his support for the proposal.

84. The representative of Australia considered it fundamental to have a system for interpretation of the prescriptions of Regulations in case of doubt. He reminded WP.29 that, due to the distance between his country and Geneva, Australian experts did not participate in the meetings of the GRs and that, for this reason, the system proposed could help them in the understanding of the prescriptions of the Regulations. The delegate from South Africa joined the previous speakers in her support of the proposal. She considered the proposal as a major step forward and announced a more extensive contribution from her country at the next WP.29 session.

85. The experts from OICA, IMMA and CLEPA expressed, in principle, their support for the proposal, and announced that they would study it carefully.

86. The delegate from Canada said that his only concern was that the proposal would allow, in some cases, that the interpretation would remain permanently. To avoid that, he suggested that, once an interpretation was stated, the corresponding Regulation should be amended. The delegate from the United Kingdom considered this point very important.

87. WP.29 agreed to continue consideration of the proposal and requested the secretariat to distribute informal documents Nos. 12 and 13 with an official symbol, for the November session.

8.1.3. Recall systems applied by various Contracting Parties to the Agreements

Documentation: Informal document No. 8 of annex 1 to this report.

88. WP.29 noted informal document No. 8, transmitted by the United States of America, explaining the enforcement system in his country and the presentation complementing it. The delegate from the United States of America stated that, within NHTSA, legal and technical experts had worked on the enforcement of the non-compliance and safety defects investigations. He explained the investigative process of his Agency and noted that consumers were informed of recalls and defects by several means (e.g. NHTSA website, publicity campaigns, press releases, etc.). The delegate estimated that an average of 300 safety recalls per year were carried out. The United States of America representative from EPA said that a similar process existed for the emission compliance.

89. The expert from Canada made a presentation on the motor vehicle safety regulations enforcement within a self-certification regime in his country. He pointed out that the presentation was limited to safety aspects of motor vehicles and that the enforcement of compliance on emissions was under the responsibility of the Canadian Department of Environment. (Note by the secretariat: The presentation is available on the website of WP.29).

8.1.4. Feasibility of establishing an electronic database for type approval exchange of information

90. WP.29 noted that this agenda item had been considered jointly with agenda item 8.1.2. (paras. 79 to 87).

8.2. Standardization of the amendment procedure of ECE Regulations

Documentation: Informal document No. 4 of annex 1 to this report.

91. The delegate from Japan raised the issue of inconsistent application of a Series of amendments, Supplements and Corrigenda, when amending Regulations under the 1958 Agreement (informal document No. 4). He proposed that, when the safety level was improved, including the modification of limit values and more strengthen requirements, it should always be adopted as a new Series of amendments and should contain transitional provisions specifying the date when the Contracting Parties might refuse the previous approval.

92. The Vice-Chairman expressed his agreement with the clear definition and requirements for a new Series of amendments as mentioned in informal document No. 4, but considered it necessary that, in some cases, a Corrigendum could be a flexible concept for purposes other than the simple correction of editorial errors. The Parties agreed that it would be important to incorporate this information into a formal WP.29 document such as WP.29 Terms of Reference / Rules of Procedure in order to provide guidance for future actions.

9. **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

93. WP.29 adopted the report together with the annexes at its one-hundred-and-thirtieth session.

B. SESSION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. 1958 AGREEMENT – TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION

1.1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AC.1

94. Of the forty Contracting Parties to the Agreement, representatives of 29 Parties were present and established AC.1 for its twenty-fourth session. Following the previous practice, AC.1 invited Mr. B. Gauvin, Vice-Chairman of WP.29, to chair the session of AC.1.

1.2. DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS - VOTING BY AC.1

1.2.1. Regulation No. 4 (Illumination of rear registration plates)

95. Parties applying the Regulation: 35 present and voting: 29
Adoption of documents TRANS/WP.29/2003/20 and its Corr.1, by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to

the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 10 to Regulation No. 4 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.2. Regulation No. 6 (Direction indicators)

96. Parties applying the Regulation: 38 present and voting: 30
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/21 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 11 to the 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 6 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.3. Regulation No. 7 (Position, stop, and end-outline marker lamps)

97. Parties applying the Regulation: 37 present and voting: 30
Adoption of documents TRANS/WP.29/2003/22 and its Corr.1, by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 8 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 7 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.4. Regulation No. 13 (Braking)

98. Parties applying the Regulation: 37 present and voting: 29
Adoption of documents TRANS/WP.29/2003/3, as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 58 above), and TRANS/WP.29/2003/45, by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 8 to the 09 series of amendments to Regulation No. 13 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.5. Regulation No. 14 (Safety-belt anchorages)

99. Parties applying the Regulation: 36 present and voting: 29
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/36 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as 06 series of amendments to Regulation No. 14 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.6. Regulation No. 16 (Safety-belts)

100. Parties applying the Regulation: 35 present and voting: 28
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/37 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 15 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.7. Regulation No. 23 (Reversing lamps)

101. Parties applying the Regulation: 37 present and voting: 30
Adoption of documents TRANS/WP.29/2003/23, by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 10 to Regulation No. 23 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.8. Regulation No. 30 (Pneumatic tyres)

102. Parties applying the Regulation: 38 present and voting: 30
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/46 by unanimity, as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 59 above), with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 13 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 30 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.9. Regulation No. 37 (Filament lamps)

103. Parties applying the Regulation: 36 present and voting: 29
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/48 by unanimity, as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 60 above), with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as draft Supplement 23 to the 03 series of amendments to Regulation No. 37 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.10. Regulation No. 38 (Rear fog lamps)

104. Parties applying the Regulation: 36 present and voting: 29
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/24 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as draft Supplement 9 to Regulation No. 38 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.11. Regulation No. 44 (Child restraints)

105. Parties applying the Regulation: 29 present and voting: 25
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/38 by unanimity, as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 61 above), with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as draft Supplement 5 to the 03 series of amendments to Regulation No. 44 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.12. Regulation No. 48 (Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices)

106. Parties applying the Regulation: 34 present and voting: 26
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/25/Rev.1, as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 62 above) and document TRANS/WP.29/2003/52, by unanimity, with the EC representative voting

for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as draft Supplement 7 to the 02 series of amendments to Regulation No. 48 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.13. Regulation No. 50 (Position, stop and direction indicator lamps for motorcycles)

107. Parties applying the Regulation: 35 present and voting: 28
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/26 and its Corr.1, by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as draft Supplement 7 to Regulation No. 50 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.14. Regulation No. 53
(Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices on L3 category vehicles)

108. Parties applying the Regulation: 31 present and voting: 25
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/27 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 4 to the 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 53 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.15. Regulation No. 67 (Equipment for liquefied petroleum gas)

109. Item deferred (see paras. 2 and 5 above).

1.2.16. Regulation No. 67 (Equipment for liquefied petroleum gas)

110. Item deferred (see paras. 2 and 5 above).

1.2.17. Regulation No. 74 (Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices on mopeds)

111. Parties applying the Regulation: 31 present and voting: 25
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/28 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 2 to the 01 series of amendments to Regulation No. 74, applicable ab initio.

1.2.18. Regulation No. 77 (parking lamps)

112. Parties applying the Regulation: 31 present and voting: 26
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/29 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 8 to Regulation No. 77 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.19. Regulation No. 83 (Emissions of M1 and N1 categories of vehicles)

113. Parties applying the Regulation: 34 present and voting: 26
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/40 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Corrigendum 1 to Supplement 2 to the 05 series of amendments to Regulation No. 83, applicable ab initio.

1.2.20. Regulation No. 83 (Emissions of M1 and N1 categories of vehicles)

114. Parties applying the Regulation: 34 present and voting: 26
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/41 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 3 to the 05 series of amendments to Regulation No. 83 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.21. Regulation No. 85 (Measurement of the net power)

115. Parties applying the Regulation: 33 present and voting: 27
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/42 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 3 to Regulation No. 85 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.22. Regulation No. 86 (Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices on tractors)

116. Parties applying the Regulation: 27 present and voting: 23
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/30 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 2 to Regulation No. 86 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.23. Regulation No. 87 (Daytime running lamps)

117. Parties applying the Regulation: 28 present and voting: 25
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/31 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 6 to Regulation No. 87 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.24. Regulation No. 91 (Side-marker lamps)

118. Parties applying the Regulation: 31 present and voting: 28
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/32 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United

Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 6 to Regulation No. 91 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.25. Regulation No. 99 (Gas-discharge light sources)

119. Parties applying the Regulation: 29 present and voting: 25
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/33 by unanimity, as corrected (English only) by WP.29 (see para. 63 above), with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 2 to Regulation No. 99 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.26. Regulation No. 110 (Specific components for CNG)

120. Parties applying the Regulation: 37 present and voting: 28
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/43 by unanimity, with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 2 to Regulation No. 110 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

1.2.27. Regulation No. 113 (Headlamps emitting a symmetrical passing beam)

121. Parties applying the Regulation: 38 present and voting: 29
Adoption of document TRANS/WP.29/2003/34 by unanimity, as corrected by WP.29 (see para. 64 above), with the EC representative voting for the Member States. Document to be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the secretariat, for communication to the Contracting Parties to the Regulation, for consideration as Supplement 2 to Regulation No. 113 (Article 12 of the Agreement).

2. 1998 AGREEMENT (GLOBAL)

EIGHTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (AC.3) OF THE AGREEMENT

2.1. OPEN MEETING

122. The eighth session of AC.3 was held in the morning of Thursday 26 June 2003. The representatives of twenty Contracting Parties to the Agreement attended the session.

2.1.1. Consideration of the proposal concerning the common definitions of vehicles' categories masses and dimensions

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/17; TRANS/WP.29/2003/51; informal document No. AC.3-1 of annex 1 to this report.

123. The representative of Japan proposed that the so-called gtr "0" should have the administrative status of a new Consolidated Resolution (informal document No. AC.3-1). AC.3 agreed on the proposed principle and decided that GRSG should prepare the technical work.

WP.29 noted the formal proposal to develop the text (TRANS/WP.29/2003/17) as well as the suggested amendments tabled by the United States of America (TRANS/WP.29/2003/51), and requested the secretariat to merge both documents for consideration by AC.3 at its November 2003 session.

2.1.2. Progress in developing proposals for candidate global technical regulations (gtrs)

Documentation: Informal document No. 2 of annex 1 to this report.

124. AC.3 acknowledged the status of all fifteen priorities (informal document No. 2), and agreed to modify and update the table as reproduced in annex 3 to this report.

125. The delegate from Canada informed AC.3 that work on **installation of lighting and light-signalling devices** was in progress and announced a preliminary report for the March 2004 session.

126. He requested AC.3's consent for the establishment of an informal group on **motorcycle brakes**, to be chaired by Canada, for the development of the gtr. He announced that a meeting was scheduled for July 2003, and that a proposal would be completed in the near future. AC.3 endorsed that request, but insisted on holding future meetings in conjunction with GRRF sessions, if possible.

127. The representative from the United Kingdom announced that the chairmanship and the sponsorship of the informal group on **passenger vehicle brakes** were not yet identified, but that a preparatory session was scheduled in parallel to the GRRF session of October 2003. AC.3 agreed that Japan and the United Kingdom were considered co-sponsor countries for that meeting.

128. The delegate from Germany indicated that work was in progress on **safety glazing** and that a proposal, excluding plastic safety glazing, would be concluded by the end of 2003. AC.3 reminded Germany that a formal proposal to develop the gtr needed to be transmitted.

129. The representative of Canada informed AC.3 that, regarding **controls and displays**, a final working document would be transmitted to GRSG for consideration at its October 2003 session, and announced that a preliminary report to AC.3 would be tabled for its March 2004 session.

130. The delegate for the European Community reported that a European Union Directive on **pedestrian safety** could be adopted by the end of the year. He acknowledged that a formal proposal needed to be transmitted and said that he would give a more detailed description of the process at the next AC.3 session. AC.3 noted the preliminary report, transmitted by the GRSP Chairwoman, of the informal group on pedestrian safety (informal document No. 5) also distributed during the June 2003 session of GRSP. AC.3 endorsed the WP.29 position concerning the cost-benefit analyses issue (see para. 53 above) and gave its approval for the drafting of the gtr. With regard to the elaboration of the gtr, it was reminded that a formal proposal was requested by the Agreement. AC.3 requested the secretariat to distribute the preliminary report with an official symbol at the November 2003 session.

131. Regarding **lower anchorages and tethers for child safety seats**, the GRSP Chairwoman reminded AC.3 of her request for guidance made during the one-hundred-and-twenty-ninth session (TRANS/WP.29/909, paras. 32 and 142) concerning the differences between the adopted ISOFIX requirements for Regulations under the 1958 Agreement and the current prescriptions of Canada and the United States of America. She said that the GRSP expert from the United States of America had volunteered to transmit a comparative document raising the differences. She offered to transmit a summary document to facilitate AC.3 guidance on this subject.

132. AC.3 adopted the proposal to develop a gtr concerning **door locks and door retention components** (TRANS/WP.29/2003/49). AC.3 noted the preliminary report of the informal group on door locks and door retention components (informal document No. 6), including its ambitious time schedule for the elaboration of the gtr. AC.3 requested the secretariat to distribute informal document No. 6 with an official symbol at the next session and agreed to mandate the drafting of the gtr. The GRSP Chairwoman informed WP.29 that a new meeting of the informal group was scheduled for the fourth week of July 2003.

133. The Chairwoman of GRSP recalled that her country was the technical sponsor for the gtr on **head restraints** and announced that, as soon as the United States of America rulemaking process would conclude, a proposal would be transmitted for consideration.

134. Recalling his oral presentation (see para. 40 above), the GRPE Chairman reminded AC.3 about the work on the **world-wide heavy-duty certification procedure (WHDC)**. He confirmed that the informal group had concluded its work on the elaboration of the test cycle and that, after its validation, the informal group might be set up again to resume its work on limit values at a future time. AC.3 noted that a draft gtr (without limit values) would be considered by GRPE at its January 2004 session and would be transmitted to AC.3 at its June 2004 session. AC.3 noted that the European Community, as technical sponsor, should transmit a formal proposal for the elaboration of the gtr.

135. The GRPE Chairman confirmed the same situation for the **world-wide motorcycle emission test cycle (WMTC)**, but mentioned that the validation of the test cycle would probably be finalized at the end of 2003 and that the informal group would resume its consideration in January 2004 in order to introduce into the gtr the limit values.

136. The GRPE Chairman mentioned the delay of work on **heavy-duty on board diagnostic systems (WWH-OBD)** and **off-cycle emissions**, and that work might not be completed until mid-2005.

137. The GRPE Chairman reported that the work concerning the **non-road mobile machinery (particulate matter test)** would finish during 2004 and asked the European Community to request his colleagues of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission the transmission of the formal proposal for the establishment of the gtr. AC.3 was informed that the United States of America would incorporate into its legislation limit values and test procedures for the emission of particulate from non-road diesel engines, and that this legislation should be incorporated in the formal proposal.

2.1.3. Items on which the exchange of views and data should continue or begin.

138. AC.3 noted the development of the final rule on tyre performance in the United States of America and its transmission to GRRF for the possible continuation of global harmonization of **tyres**. Concerning **vehicle crash compatibility**, the delegate from the United States of America announced her intention to transmit to GRSP the report addressing vehicles compatibility and provided the website where the report could be found (<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/IPTReports.html>), by clicking on vehicle compatibility). For the rest of the items no new information was provided.

2.2. CLOSED MEETING (Contracting Parties only)

2.2.1. Legal and administrative procedures concerning the Agreement

139. The Chairman of AC.3, Mr. M. Fendick, recalled the current situation of the Agreement. With regard to the interpretation of the responsibilities of legal functions of the 1998 Agreement, the representative of the United States of America requested a formal delegation by the UN Secretary-General of the administrative functions to the Executive Secretary of the UNECE for the Compendium of candidate global technical regulations (the Compendium) and the Registry of global technical regulations (the Registry), as the Agreement stipulates that the Secretary-General is the depository of both the Compendium and the Registry.

140. Following the discussion, the Chairman sought a mandate from AC.3 to approach the UN Office of Legal Affairs to obtain a formal notice from the Secretary-General confirming the delegation to the UNECE Executive Secretary of the authority and responsibility to carry out certain functions under the Agreement. Those functions were the responsibility to maintain the Compendium, pursuant to article 5.1. of the 1998 Agreement, as well as the responsibility to maintain the Registry of gtrs, pursuant to article 6.1. of the 1998 Agreement. With regard to these functions, both the Compendium and Registry should be kept on file with the Agreement itself in the United Nations. Further functions were the notification responsibilities relating to the Compendium and the Registry of gtrs under the provisions of articles 7.3., 7.4., 7.6., 14.1., 14.2. and 14.3. of the 1998 Agreement. Concerning these provisions, the UNECE Executive Secretary should carry out the responsibilities listed for the Secretary-General (and the Contracting Parties should provide notices to the UNECE Executive Secretary as fulfilment of their obligations under the 1998 Agreement).

141. AC.3 agreed unanimously to grant the Chairman this mandate and insisted that however this delegation of responsibility was achieved, there would be a need to ensure its accomplishment in a manner consistent with the Agreement.

142. Following a question by the delegate from New Zealand concerning the difference between the legal status of a Treaty and an Agreement, the secretariat was also requested to seek advice of the UN legal service regarding this matter.

143. With respect to the present workload under the Agreements administered by WP.29, the secretariat confirmed the request for the allocation of an additional P-4 post for the Unit of Vehicle Construction of the Technology Section in the 2004-2005 budget of the UNECE

Transport Division, subject to confirmation by the Budget Committees in the United Nations Headquarter.

2.2.2. Resolving of the pending issues

144. AC.3 noted that no other pending issues were raised by the Contracting Parties.

**3. 1997 AGREEMENT (INSPECTIONS)
THIRD SESSION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (AC.4) OF THE
AGREEMENT**

3.1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AC.4

145. Representatives of the six Contracting Parties to the Agreement established the AC.4 for its third session.

3.2. Consideration of the interpretation of Article 12 of the Agreement

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/50; TRANS/WP.29/2003/53.

146. The representative of the Russian Federation introduced his proposal for the interpretation of Article 12 (TRANS/WP.29/2003/53). The representative of Finland presented his proposal for the interpretation of the same article (TRANS/WP.29/2003/50), requesting that both the country where the vehicle was registered and the country of the certified technical inspection centre, must give their authorization for the recognition of the periodical technical inspection.

147. Following the discussion, the representative of the European Community informed AC.4 that the equivalent European Community Directive (96/96/EC) did not have an equivalent prescription to Article 12 of the Agreement. He said that an alignment of the above-mentioned Article, and also of Article 1, to the prescriptions of the Directive would probably facilitate the accession of the European Community to the 1997 Agreement. He offered to transmit an informal document containing a proposal for the amendment of these two Articles for consideration by AC.4 at its November session. He also suggested the alignment of Rule No. 1 to the above-mentioned Directive in a further step.

148. AC.4 agreed by unanimity to consider the announced proposal for the amendment of Articles 1 and 12 following the procedure of the Article 10 of the 1997 Agreement. AC.4 also agreed that documents TRANS/WP.29/2003/50 and TRANS/WP.29/2003/53 would be superseded by the proposal to be submitted by the representative of the European Community.

149. The representative of Hungary recalled his intervention made in a previous session, that in Article 11, paragraph (g) of the Agreement, the reference to "Article 5" has to be corrected to read "Article 10". He suggested that the amendments to Articles 1 and 12 would be an opportunity to correct the erroneous reference.

150. AC.4 agreed with the Chairman's suggestion to hold the fourth session of the Administrative Committee in November 2003 in order to consider the proposal to amend articles 1 and 12 of the Agreement.

3.3. Questions of the implementation of the Agreement

151. AC.4 noted that Finland and Estonia had accepted the extension of the leniency period for the application of the Agreement until 31 December 2003, but that from 1 January 2004 they would apply the prescriptions of the Agreement.

Annex 1LIST OF INFORMAL DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT A SYMBOL
DURING THE ONE-HUNDRED-AND-THIRTIETH SESSION

No.	Transmitted by	Agenda item	Language	Title
1.	FEMA, AMA, MRF, FIM, IHVO, IMMA	2.4.	E	Intelligent Transport Systems and Non-compatible Vehicles for the consideration of WP.29 and the ITS Informal Group
2.	Secretariat	5.1.	E	Status of the 1998 Agreement
3.	Secretariat	6.1.	E	Status of the 1997 Agreement
4.	Japan	8.	E	Standardizing the Amendment Procedure of ECE Regulations
5.	Chairwoman of GRSP	B.2.1.2. 6.	E	UN/ECE/WP.29/GRSP Pedestrian Safety GTR Informal Group – Preliminary Report
6.	Chairwoman of GRSP	B.2.1.2. 8.	E	UN/ECE/WP.29/GRSP Informal Group on Door Lock and Door Retention Components – Preliminary Report
7.	IMMA	4.2.27.	E	Correction to document TRANS/WP.29/2003/34 Proposal for draft Supplement 2 to Regulation No. 113 (Headlamps emitting a symmetrical passing beam)
8.	United States of America	8.1.3.	E	The Vehicle Safety Recall Process in the United States of America (Revision 1) June 03
9.	Japan	2.4.	E	Provisional Agenda for the 4th session of the Informal Group on "ITS"
10.	Japan	2.4.	E	ITC/Round Table 2004
11.	Japan	2.4.	E	Role and Position (Draft)
12.	Russian Federation	8.1.2.	R/E	Concerning Provision of Interpretations of the ECE Regulations

No.	Transmitted by	Agenda item	Languag e	Title
13.	France	8.1.2.	E	Treatment of interpretations and supervision of the Technical Services
AC.3-1	Japan	B.2.1.1.	E	The Direction of the "Common Tasks Work"
-	ERTICO	2.4.	E	ERTICO - ITS Europe - The eSafety Initiative
-	ERTICO	2.4.	E	ERTICO - ITS Europe - Partnerships for ITS Implementation
-	Canada	8.1.3.	E	Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations Enforcement Within a Self-certification Regime

Annex 2**PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS OF WP.29
AND OF ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES FOR 2004 */**

<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. of half-days</u>
Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)	forty-seventh	13 - 16 January (p.m./a.m.)	6
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)	fifty-fifth	2 - 6 February (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Noise (GRB)	thirty-ninth session	24 - 27 February (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	eighty-fourth	8 March	2
World Forum (WP.29) and Admin./ Executive Committees (AC.1; AC.3; AC.4)	one-hundred-and-thirty-second 26th; 10th; 5th	9 - 12 March	8
Working Party on Light. and Light-Signal. (GRE)	fifty-second	30 March - 2 April (p.m./a.m.)	6
Working Party on Gen. Safety Provisions (GRSG)	eighty-sixth	19 - 23 April (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)	thirty-fifth	3 - 7 May (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)	forty-eighth	1 - 4 June (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	eighty-fifth	21 June	2
World Forum (WP.29) and Admin./ Executive Committees (AC.1; AC.3; AC.4)	one-hundred-and-thirty-third 27th; 11th 6th	22 - 25 June	8
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)	fifty-sixth	20 - 22 September	6
Working Party on Noise (GRB)	fortieth	23 - 24 September	4
Working Party on Lighting and Light.-Signalling (GRE)	fifty-third	4 - 8 October (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Gen. Safety Provisions (GRSG)	eighty-seventh	12 - 15 October (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	eighty-sixth	15 November	2
World Forum (WP.29) and Admin./ Executive Committees (AC.1; AC.3; AC.4)	one-hundred-and-thirty-fourth 28th; 12th; 7 th	16 - 19 November	8
Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)	thirty-sixth	7 - 10 December (p.m./a.m.)	6
		Total	108 half-days (54 days)

*/ The sessions marked "(p.m./a.m.)" will begin in the afternoon, at 14.30 h on the indicated date and will be closed at 12.30 h on the indicated date.

The sessions marked "(p.m.)" will begin in the afternoon, at 14.30 h on the indicated date and are expected to last until 17.30 h on the indicated date.

The sessions not marked start at 9.30 h on the indicated date and are expected to last until 17.30 h on the indicated date.

The sessions of WP.29/AC.2 begin at 10.00 h on the indicated date.

The sessions of WP.29 proper begin at 10.00 h on the indicated date.

The sessions of the Administrative / Executive Committees are held during WP.29 sessions:

AC.1 (1958 Agreement) on Wednesdays, towards the end of the afternoon;

AC.3 (1998 Agreement) on Thursdays morning;

AC.4 (1997 Agreement) on Thursdays afternoon (if needed).

Notes:

Inland Transport Committee (ITC), sixty-sixth session: 17-19 February 2004;

(ITC Bureau: 16 February (limited participation) and 20 February 2004);

Geneva Motor Show, Palexpo: 4-14 March 2004;

(Press days: 4 and 5 March 2003);

Economic Commission for Europe, fifty-ninth session: [24-26 February 2004].

Annex 3

Status: Priorities and proposals

Working Party	Item	Current Informal group (Yes-No) / Chair	Technical sponsor	Formal proposal TRANS/WP.29/..	Preliminary and progress reports TRANS/WP.29/..	Working document for draft gtr TRANS/WP.29/..
GRE	Installation of Lighting and Light-Signalling Devices	No	Canada	AC.3/4		GRE/2001/6/Rev.1
GRRF	Motorcycle Brakes	Yes / Canada	Canada	AC.3/3		
	Passenger Vehicle Brakes	Yes / [United Kingdom]	[Japan/UK.]*/			
GRSG	Safety Glazing	No	Germany			
	Controls and Displays	No	Canada	AC.3/2		GRSG/2000/8/Rev.2 +/-
	Vehicle Classification, Masses and Dimensions	Yes / Japan	Japan	2003/17; 2003/51		GRSG/2003/10
GRSP	Pedestrian Safety	Yes / Japan/EC	EC		2003/..	
	Lower Anchorages and Tethers for Child Safety Seats	No	[]			
	Door Retention Components	Yes / USA	USA	2003/49	2003/..	
	Head Restraints	No	USA			
GRPE	World-wide Heavy-Duty Certification Procedure (WHDC)	No	EC			
	World-wide Motorcycle Emission Test Cycle (WMTC)	Yes / Germany	Germany			
	Heavy-Duty OBD (WWH-OBD)	Yes / Japan	USA	AC.3/1		
	Off-cycle Emissions	Yes / USA	USA			
	Non-road Mobile Machinery (PM test)	Yes / EC	EC			

*/ Chairmanship and secretariat of the informal group by the United Kingdom, sponsor to be confirmed at a later time (TRANS/WP.29/909, para. 138)

+/- Considered at the 84th session of GRSG, Revision 3 is awaited (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/63, para. 34).