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**REVISION OF THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION
ON ROAD TRAFFIC (R.E.1)**

New issues

Note by the secretariat

The members of WP.1 will find below the comments submitted by Mr. Raphaël Huguenin, Deputy Director of the Swiss Council for Accident Prevention (BPA) concerning the sections of R.E.1 (as contained in document TRANS/SC.1/294/Rev.5) relating to child safety.

R.E.1

Section concerning child safety

Basis: document TRANS/SC.1/294/Rev.5

4.4 Measures to be taken to ensure the safety of children on their way to and from school

Comment: The topic “the safety of children on their way to and from school” is adequate but not sufficient. A paragraph should be added on children incurring danger on the road when running and playing. The majority of accidents to children as pedestrians and cyclists occur elsewhere than on their way to and from school.

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- In 4.4 (d) the addition of a new paragraph (v) is proposed:

“(v) to make drivers of motor vehicles aware of the problems of children who, when they are on the road, do not have the necessary capability to behave appropriately.” (*Aim: drivers must adapt to children*).

- Comment concerning paragraph 4.4 (f):

It would be a good idea to refer to the role of the infrastructure. If this is appropriate for children, they need not be accompanied (see paragraph (n)).

- Comment concerning paragraph 4.4 (l):

In view of the dangers of the road and the density of traffic, it would be advisable to review the age-limit for child cyclists. According to the studies, children are not able to ride a bicycle correctly until they are 10 or 12.

4.5 Safety of children on school buses

- In 4.5 (a) the addition of the following new paragraph (v) is proposed:

“(v) Stops for buses carrying children or school buses shall be made safe by technical means, so that the children can, if necessary, cross the road without being affected by vehicles.”

- It is proposed to expand 4.5 (b) (i) as follows:

(i) The transport of standing children shall not be allowed. **“Vehicles carrying children shall be fitted with fixed seats facing forward and seat belts.”**
