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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-SIXTH SESSION**<sup>1, 2</sup>

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 14.30 h on Monday, 3 September 2007  
and concluding at 17.30 h on Wednesday, 5 September 2007

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## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with Chapter III, Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. MEETING OF THE GRB INFORMAL GROUP ON AN IMPROVED NOISE TEST MEASUREMENT METHOD FOR MOTORCYCLES

To be held on Monday afternoon, 3 September 2007, from 14.30 h until 17.30 h. The agenda of the meeting will be prepared by the secretariat of the informal group and distributed to the members of the group prior to the meeting.

3. Regulation No. 41 - (Noise of motorcycles)

GRB may wish to be informed by the Chairman of the informal group about the results of its ninth session. The Chairman will also inform GRB on the conclusions on the testing program data analysis. GRB may wish to consider a proposal for a Corrigendum to the Regulation.

4. Regulation No. 51 – (Noise of M and N categories of vehicles)

(a) Development

GRB agreed to continue consideration of a proposal by the Russian Federation on the introduction of durability requirements for noise reduction systems into the Regulation once the expert from the Russian Federation provides data justifying the need of such requirements.

(b) New sound limit values

The expert from the European Commission was invited to provide information about the monitoring process of data collection in accordance with the new test measurement method.

(c) Additional sound emission provisions (ASEP)

GRB may wish to be informed by the Chairman of the informal group about the results of the group's seventh meeting, held in the Hague from 21 to 23 May 2007. GRB may wish to advise the informal group on the pending issues that could not be solved within the informal group.

5. Regulation No. 59 - (Replacement silencing systems)

GRB might wish to be informed by CLEPA about the revision of the current text of Regulation No. 59, having in mind the establishment of the new noise limits for the new test method of Regulation No. 51 as well as the development of ASEP provisions.

6. 1998 AGREEMENT: ELABORATION OF A NEW GTR ON NOISE

GRB agreed to resume consideration of this subject. AC.3 agreed at its March 2007 session to continue the exchange of views on this issue (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1058, para. 103).

7. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON NOISE LEVELS

GRB might wish to be informed about development of national and international requirements on noise levels.

8. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON VEHICLE NOISE REDUCTION CALCULATION METHODS

GRB agreed to continue the exchange of views on vehicle noise reduction calculation methods.

9. INFLUENCE OF ROAD SURFACE ON TYRE ROLLING SOUND EMISSIONS

GRB agreed to continue consideration of this item. GRB expects proposals for reduced tyre noise limits, including requirements for wet grip, tyre rolling resistance and Tyre Pressure Monitoring Systems (TPMS) announced by the expert from the European Commission.

10. NOISE ABATEMENTS

GRB agreed to continue consideration of the road noise abatement cost and benefits.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

GRB might wish to consider any other subject on its agenda.

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