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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION^{1, 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 14.30 h on Monday, 1 September 2008
and concluding at 17.30 h on Wednesday, 3 September 2008

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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. Regulation No. 41 - (Noise of motorcycles)

GRB may wish to be informed about the development of the improved noise test measurement method for motorcycles and may wish to consider a proposal from from the informal group to amend the Regulation, if available.

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

(a) Development

GRB agreed to continue consideration of an updated proposal by CLEPA to include into the Regulation requirements on exhaust systems containing absorbing materials.

(b) New sound limit values

GRB may wish to be informed by the expert from the European Commission about the two-year monitoring process. GRB may wish to consider questions related to the implementation of the requirements of Annex 10 to the Regulation.

(c) Additional sound emission provisions (ASEP)

GRB may wish to consider a proposal to amend the Regulation to be transmitted by the informal group if an agreement is reached by the informal group.

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

GRB agreed to consider an updated proposal by CLEPA to include into the Regulation requirements on silencers or components filled with absorbing materials.

5. Regulation No. 117 - (Tyre rolling noise and wet grip adhesion)

GRB agreed to consider only the amendments to the scope of the Regulation contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2008/2, still pending from the previous session.

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

GRB agreed to continue an exchange of views about the elaboration of a noise gtr, once the limit values of Regulation No. 51 are known. AC.3 agreed to take a decision at its June

2008 session on the discontinuation of this agenda item (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1066, para.81)

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

GRB welcomes any information received from its experts about the development of national and international requirements on noise levels.

8. INFLUENCE OF ROAD SURFACE ON TYRE ROLLING SOUND EMISSIONS

GRB welcomes any information received from its experts on the influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions. A presentation from the expert from the Netherlands is expected.

9. NOISE ABATEMENTS

GRB may wish to resume the consideration of the road noise abatement cost and benefits.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2009

In compliance with Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.29/690), GRPE will elect the Chairperson for the sessions scheduled for the year 2009.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

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

AnnexINFORMAL MEETINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
WORKING PARTY SESSION

The forty-eighth session of the Working Party on Noise (GRB) was initially scheduled to be held from 1 to 3 September 2008. However, during its last session (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/45, paras. 4 and 5), GRB decided to start the session on Monday afternoon, 1 September 2008, with the meeting of the informal groups for the improved noise test measurement methods for motorcycles and for its Data Expert Group. The secretariats of these informal groups will provide the GRB experts with the agenda and documents for these sessions.
