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UN ECE GRPE WG on NRMM engines

Minutes of the meeting of the Editorial Committee, Frankfurt/M, Germany

2006.12.18 to 19

Giovanni De Santi, Chairman

Giorgio Billi, Secretary

Giorgio Cornetti, Rudolf Hummel, Mats Ericsson, Cleophas Jackson (part time on conference call), Peter Scherm, Jürgen Stein, Hans Walter Knuth, Shirish Shimpi, Mitsuo Shikata.

Objective of the meeting:

Discussion of a second level gtr draft section and collection of all experts comments.

The Chairman welcomed the participants and thanked Euromot for the organisation.

The draft agenda was accepted by the members of the Committee without modifications (encl. 1).

The Chairman introduced the meeting, recalling that consensus among the members of this Committee is the prerequisite for the work to advance and invited all participants to share this goal.

Mr. Stein confirmed that challenges may have emerged due to language issues, but there is wide consensus on the technical substance of the gtr.

Mr. Shimpi asked for clarification about the actual publication and availability of the guidelines compared to the legal text. He further anticipated that part 1065 is being considered for updates.

Mr. Hummel replied that the preliminary progress report introduces this issue at its presentation to the GRPE at its 11 January 2007 meeting.

Mr. Stein confirmed that the constant refinement on the US side is a major factor affecting the gtr drafting.

The Committee further proceeded to the detailed examination of the document submitted by the Chair.

The elaborated text constitutes the main achievement of these days and needs no further explanation, the reader can refer to (Encl. 2).

On request of Mr. Jackson, it is here recorded that for US EPA the partial flow dilution system is still under examination in connection with the non-road transient test cycle. On the other hand in Europe it is a shared opinion of the stakeholders and the legislators (97/68/EC as amended) that the acceptance of this same dilution system is a pre-requisite for the approval of the gtr.

At the end of the meeting the Chairman thanked the participants for the active collaboration and the positive results achieved. He emphasised that, given the resources already invested, it becomes now indispensable that all experts offer their maximum contribution to finalise the work.

He invited the experts of the Editorial Committee to a meeting in Ispira on 19 and 20 April 2007. The experts attending agreed to this date.

Second level draft sections will be circulated during February 2007 to receive the experts' comments by the end of March 2007.

Finally the Chairman thanked Euromot for the excellent reception.