

## **Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the informal group of GRSG on Accident Emergency Call System (AECS)**

### **A. Terms of Reference**

1. The informal group was established by the World Forum WP.29 at its 160<sup>th</sup> session in June 2013 (see report ECE/TRANS/WP.20/1104, para. 76).
2. The informal group shall develop a draft regulatory proposal for a new UN Regulation on Accident Emergency Call System (AECS) to be annexed to the 1958 Agreement in order to establish uniform technical requirements for such AECS systems aimed at reducing the number of people killed and injured in road accidents.
3. As a basis for the discussions, the informal group shall use ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2013/67 submitted by the Russian Federation and presented during the 160<sup>th</sup> session of WP.29, held in Geneva (25–28 June 2013).
4. When developing the regulatory proposal, the group should take into account existing data and research. Furthermore, it should consider pre-existing standards (e.g. ISO, SAE, EN, CEN, HELPNET, GOST/GOST R, ITU, ETSI, 3GPP guidelines and regulations) and national legislations for AECS.
5. The group shall focus on on-board systems for vehicles of categories M<sub>1</sub> and N<sub>1</sub>. Vehicles of categories N<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>3</sub>, M<sub>2</sub>, and M<sub>3</sub> may be covered in a later stage.
6. The target completion date for the work of the informal group shall be the 107<sup>th</sup> session of GRSG in October 2014.
7. The informal group is expected to propose to GRSG a draft text for a UN Regulation on Accident Emergency Call System. The adoption process remains under the responsibility of GRSG, WP.29 and AC.1 in line with the administrative procedures defined in the 1958 Agreement.

### **B. Rules of Procedure**

1. The informal group is a subsidiary working group of GRSG, and is open to all Contracting Parties to the Agreements administered by WP.29, vehicle manufacturers and their suppliers, Technical Services, and the participants of all the working parties (GRs) subsidiary to WP.29.
2. A Chairman and a Secretary will manage the informal group.
  - a. The chairmanship shall be under the responsibility of the Russian Federation
  - b. The secretariat shall be under the responsibility of OICA
3. The official working language of the informal group will be English.

4. All documents and/or proposals shall be submitted to the Secretary of the group in a suitable electronic format in advance of the meeting. The group may refuse to discuss any item or proposal which has not been circulated 10 working days in advance.
  5. An agenda and related documents will be made available on the website by the Secretary, in advance of all scheduled meetings.
  6. Decisions will be reached by consensus. When consensus cannot be reached, the Chairman of the group shall present the different points of view to GRSG. The Chairman may seek guidance from GRSG, as appropriate.
  7. The progress of the informal group will be routinely reported to GRSG – wherever possible as an informal document and presented by the Chairman, the Secretary or their representative(s).
  8. All working documents should be distributed in digital format. Meeting documents should be made available to the Secretary for publication on the website of WP.29.
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