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Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1998-2002  
AND THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS  
OF THE WORKING PARTY AND ITS MEETINGS OF EXPERTS FOR 1998

Note: The draft programme of work reproduced below was adopted by the Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles at its one-hundred-and-thirteenth session and is transmitted to the Inland Transport Committee for consideration at its sixtieth session (TRANS/WP.29/599, paras. 23 and 24). The text is based on document TRANS/WP.29/1997/12, with the only modification in the calendar of meetings for 1998 (fortieth session of WP.29/GRE and seventy-fourth session of WP.29/GRSG). To facilitate the comparison of the draft programme of work with the text adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its fifty-ninth session (ECE/TRANS/119/Add.1), the additional elements are indicated in bold characters, while the text proposed for deletion is placed in square brackets.

I. PROGRAMME OF WORK

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.3: CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES

[02.3.1. Harmonization and improvement of regulations and recommendations for road vehicles]

Regulations for the construction of vehicles

Priority: 1

Description: The Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles (WP.29) will develop regulations and recommendations for motor vehicle equipment and parts and update the existing ones including the relevant activities aimed at improving road transport safety, saving energy and taking into account the protection of the environment.

Work to be undertaken:

- (a)[b] [Development of new and updating of the existing regulations with regard to] **In the framework of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions" (1958 Agreement) the Working Party will develop new and update the existing ECE Regulations in order to enhance performance of vehicles with respect to:**
- (i) general safety provisions.
  - (ii) pollution and energy.
  - (iii) brakes and running gear.
  - (iv) lighting and light-signalling.
  - (v) noise.
  - (vi) passive safety.
- (Continuing)
- (b)[a] Harmonization of the ECE Regulations with the corresponding EC Directives concerning the construction of vehicles **in order to achieve uniformity of requirements.** (Continuing)
- (c) **Consideration of proposal(s) to develop a global agreement targeting the world-wide harmonization of vehicle and engine construction requirements.** (1999)
- (d)[c] Development of recommendations regarding the construction of vehicles (Consolidated Resolution R.E.3) **with the aim of providing guidance with respect to requirements not covered by regulations.** (Continuing)

[02.3.2. Arrangements for the elimination of technical barriers to international trade of motor vehicles and their equipment and parts

Priority: 1

Description: In the framework of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions" (1958 Agreement), the Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles (WP.29) develops requirements which contribute, through the general adoption of suitable performance requirements and harmonized test procedures and measuring methods, to eliminating possible technical barriers to trade of motor vehicles and their equipment and parts.

Work to be undertaken:

- (a) Work under the provisions of the amended Agreement (E/ECE/324:E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.2). (Continuing)
- (b) The Working Party will consider the proposal(s) to develop a global agreement targeting the world-wide harmonization of vehicle and engine construction requirements. (1999)]

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[PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.7: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY SAVING  
IN TRANSPORT

02.7.1. Impact of transport infrastructure and operations on the environment, including pollution and noise Priority: 1

- (a) Road transport

Description: Consideration of the impact of road infrastructure and operation on the environment and the noise and pollution emissions of road vehicles, as referred to under 02.2.1. and 02.3.1.

Work to be undertaken: As referred to under 02.2.1 and 02.3.1.  
(Continuing)]

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II. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES AND OF ITS MEETINGS OF EXPERTS FOR 1998

<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. of half-days</u>
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRPE)	thirty-fifth	13-16 January (p.m./a.m.)	6
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRRF)	forty-third	2-6 February (p.m./a.m.)	8
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRB)	twenty-eighth	23-26 February (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	sixty-sixth	9 March	2
Working Party (WP.29) and Administrative Committee (AC.1)	hundred-and-fourteenth eighth	10-13 March	8
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRE)	fortieth	31 March (p.m.) - 3 April	7
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRSG)	seventy-fourth	20 April (p.m.) - 24 April	7
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRSP)	twenty-third	4-8 May (p.m./a.m.)	8
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRPE)	thirty-sixth	2-5 June (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	sixty-seventh	22 June	2
Working Party (WP.29) and Administrative Committee (AC.1)	hundred-and-fifteenth ninth	23-26 June	8
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRRF)	forty-fourth	21-23 September	6
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRB)	twenty-ninth	24 and 25 September	4
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRE)	forty-first	5-9 October (p.m./a.m.)	8
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRSG)	seventy-fifth	27-30 October (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	sixty-eighth	9 November	2
Working Party (WP.29) and Administrative Committee (AC.1)	hundred-and-sixteenth tenth	10-13 November	8
Meeting of Experts (WP.29/GRSP)	twenty-fourth	1-4 December (p.m./a.m.)	6
		Total	----- 108 half-days (54 days)

\* / The sessions marked "(p.m./a.m.)" will begin in the afternoon, at 2.30 p.m. on the indicated date and will be closed at 12.30 a.m. on the indicated date. Sessions not marked start at 9.30 a.m. on the indicated date and are expected to last until 5.30 p.m. on the indicated date.

The sessions of WP.29/AC.2 begin at 10 a.m. on the indicated date.

The sessions of WP.29 proper begin at 10 a.m. on the indicated date.

(The sessions of AC.1 are expected to be held on Wednesdays, towards the end of the afternoon, during WP.29 sessions).

Notes: Inland Transport Committee, sixtieth session: 12-16 January 1998;  
Geneva Motor Show, Palexpo: 5-15 March 1998;  
Economic Commission for Europe, fifty-third session: 20-23 April 1998;