CLEPA welcomed the entry into force of the 1998 Agreement. For our Association, the priority is global harmonisation of requirements for components and systems for four-wheeled motor vehicles and their trailers. We acknowledge that everything cannot be done at once, and in our opinion WP.29 should produce within 2-3 years some global technical regulations to demonstrate to all stakeholders and countries intending to join that the 1998 Global Agreement is a reality. Such a short-term objective will also be the opportunity of early clearing any administrative obstacle in the 1998 Agreement management which is new for everybody.

Since 1998, when the text of the Agreement was finalized by WP.29, CLEPA together with the car manufacturers – OICA – and with the support of experts from US and Japanese industries, is drafting proposals for global technical regulations on which we think harmonisation can be achieved in a reasonable time frame on subjects of importance to safety and environment.

Therefore, CLEPA would suggest following first priorities relating to areas for which a draft document already exists or will be ready shortly:

- Safety glazings
- Safety belts
- Safety belts anchorages
- Windscreen defrost/demist systems
- Windscreen wiper/washer systems
- Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices
- Headlamps/passing beam
- Braking
- Controls/tell-tales and indicators
- Heavy duty diesel emissions test procedure (WHDC)

CLEPA also recommends to include in the first priorities the harmonisation of vehicles categories, focusing first on passenger cars.

As next priorities (3-6 years term), CLEPA would suggest:

- Lighting and light-signalling devices
- Alarm Systems /Immobilizers
- Seats and their anchorages
- Child restraint systems
- Rear-view mirrors
- Intelligent transport systems/safety aspects
- Frontal and side impact protection
- Emission of pollutants