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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and, with reference to Japan's submission of the status report on the regulations annexed to the AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHING OF GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FOR WHEELED VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS WHICH CAN BE FITTED AND/OR BE USED ON WHEELED VEHICLES done at Geneva on 25 June 1998 (hereinafter referred to as the "1998 Agreement"), has the honor to submit the following status report in accordance with Article 7.4 of the above-mentioned Agreement.

"Global technical regulation No.7, HEAD RESTRAINTS
(ECE/TRANS/180/Add.7, hereinafter referred to as "gtr No.7")
(Reference is made to the notification ECE/TRANS/2005/124/7 dated 30 April 2008)

The Government of Japan acceded to both 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 (hereinafter referred to as the "1958 Agreement") and the 1998 Agreement and in principle, has a position to incorporate an established gtr into national legislations through UNECE Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement to which the requirements in the gtr have been reflected.

With regard to gtr No.7, presently, Working Party on Passive Safety is working for the amendment of UNECE Regulation No.17 in order to align it with the provisions of the gtr. In parallel with responding proactively to the work, the Government of Japan is making a study on amendments to national legislations.

The Government of Japan will make a final decision in accordance with Article 7.1 of the 1998 Agreement by the date when the above amendment is adopted."

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 27 May 2009

