



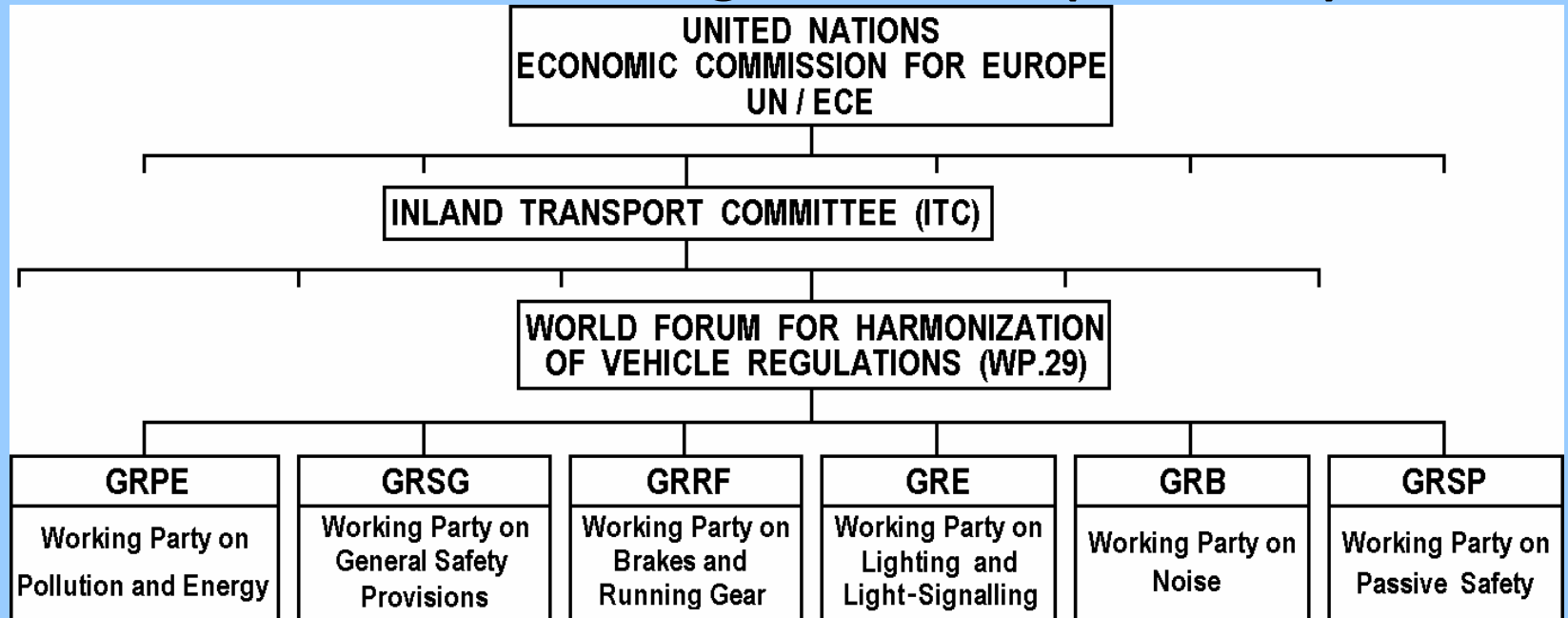
# **The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations: A unique Forum within the UNECE**

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# World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29)



The work of the 6 subsidiary bodies of WP.29 is aimed at:

- the improvement of vehicles' active and passive safety
- the reduction of vehicles' noise level, emissions of pollutants and fuel consumption
- to support the activities 30 informal groups work in parallel



# Activities of the World Forum (1)

The World Forum is administering 3 Agreements:

1958 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 (48 Contracting Parties, 127 UNECE Regulations, 1 new draft Regulation)

1998 Agreement concerning the establishing of global technical regulations (gtrs) for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicle (31 Contracting Parties, 8 gtrs, 1 new draft gtr)

1997 Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles and the reciprocal recognition of such inspections (11 Contracting Parties, 17 pending signatories, 1 Rule, 1 draft Rule)



# Activities of the World Forum (2)

**The vehicle production of the CPs to the Agreements represents:**

55.8 % for the 1958 Agreement CPs

81.9% for the 1998 Agreement CPs (all EU production included)

89.3% for both Agreements

**In the legal framework of the Agreements, the World Forum**

Constantly updates the existing vehicle regulations incorporating new technologies and new prescriptions. (in 2008, 95 + 1 amendments)

Elaborates new regulations if needed (in 2008 4 gtrs)

## **Meetings of the World Forum**

The World Forum itself meets 3 weeks/year

Each of the 6 GRs meets 2 weeks/year (12 weeks)

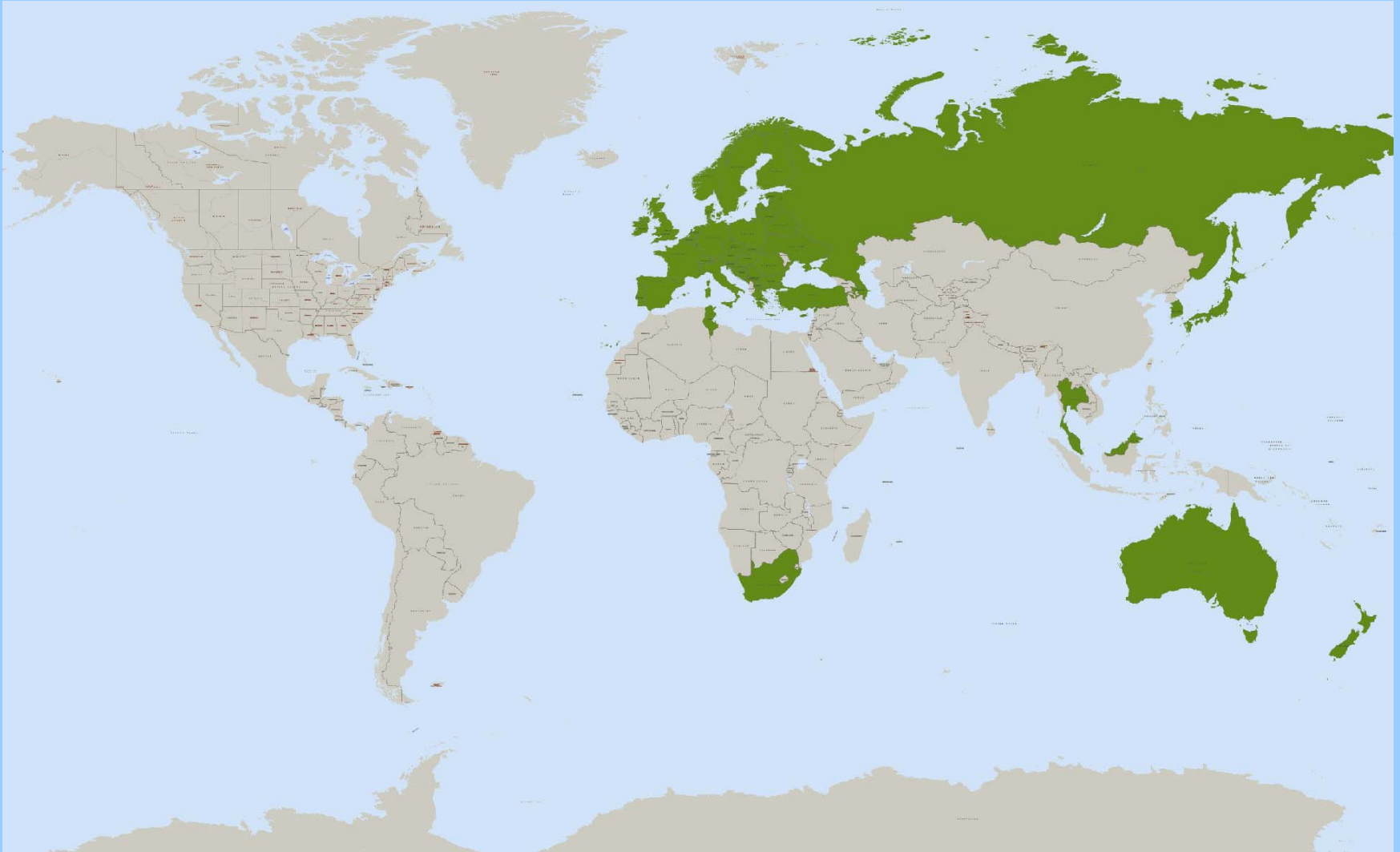
Committee for the coordination of work meets 3 times/year

Administrative Committees of the 3 Agreements meet 3 times/year

The 30 informal groups meet accordingly to their needs (2/3 times/year)

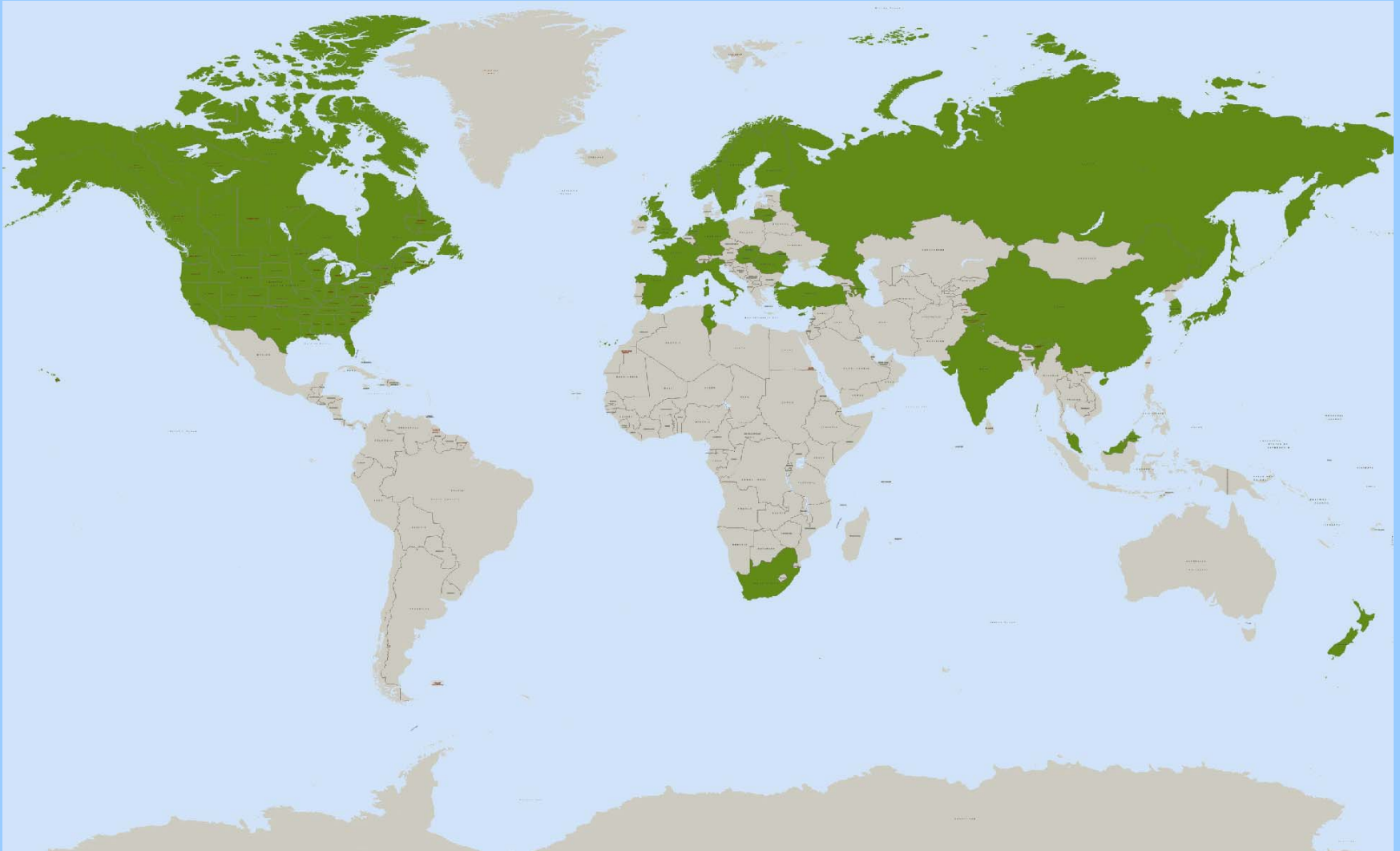


# 1958 Agreement (Contracting Parties)





# 1998 Agreement (Contracting Parties)





# Vehicle regulations and standards

	International standards (e.g. ISO)	gtrs (1998 Global Agreement)	UNECE Regulations (1958 Agreement)	National / regional legislations (e.g. EU Directives)
Test method	technical provisions	technical provisions	technical provisions	reproduce in total or refer to the provisions of UNECE Regulation, gtrs or international standards (transposition procedure)
Performance requirements	-	limit values	limit values	
Administrative procedures	-	-	certification and COP procedures + mutual recognition	
Application	optional	(optional)	(optional)	



# Conclusion

WP.29 is the unique World Forum for the world-wide harmonization of regulations related to the construction of vehicles.

The World Forum set up an GRPE working group to develop recommendations on market fuel quality.

All documentation are available at the WP.29 website:  
[www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/welcwp29.htm)

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