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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 48

(Installation of lighting and light-signalling devices)

Transmitted by the experts from Germany

Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the experts from Germany in order to improve the road safety in the transitional periods between night and day and vice versa. The modification to the existing text of the Regulation is marked in **bold** characters.

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**A. PROPOSAL**

Paragraph 6.2.7., amend to read:

" .....

Dipped-beam headlamps **shall** be switched ON or OFF automatically. However, it shall be always possible to switch these dipped-beam headlamps ON and OFF manually."

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**B. JUSTIFICATION**

During its fifty-second session, GRE considered the proposal TRANS/WP.29/GRE/2004/5 regarding the reduction of DRL illumination surface. At that session, the expert from Germany expressed his preference to insert into the proposal provisions for an automatic switching of dipped beam headlamps as well as for transitional provisions. Thus, the German delegation suggests the above-mentioned amendments to the existing text of the Regulation for consideration by GRE at its fifty-third session.

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