

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION POSITION  
CONCERNING INSTALLATION OF SAFETY-BELTS ON CLASS II BUSES

The delegation of the Russian Federation would like to clarify its position, which was somewhat inexactly interpreted in the report of 45<sup>th</sup> GRSP session (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/45, para. 19) as deleting a possibility for the Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement to require at the national level the installation of safety-belts in Class II buses.

At the national level any country has the right to require or not to require installation of safety-belts in any kind of vehicles. Such a question can be a subject of discussion in the format of the WP.29 working parties only in a context of harmonization of requirements.

Therefore the Russian Federation does not exclude a possibility for the Contracting Parties of the 1958 Agreement to require at the national level the installation of safety-belts in Class II buses. Also the Russian Federation considers that if safety-belts are fitted on a vehicle, they shall comply with the provisions of the UNECE Regulation No.16.

The Russian Federation, however, does not see a necessity for the Contracting Party that requires at the national level the installation of safety-belts in buses of the aforesaid Class, to notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as such provision is within the competence of exclusively the Contracting Party in question, which, obviously, should provide a corresponding transition period before the specified requirement comes into force.

In connection with the above stated, the Russian Federation has no objections against the provisions of the paragraph 8.1.1. of the UNECE Regulation No.16 with the 06 series of amendments, but suggests to delete from it the following wording: "Any Contracting Party doing so shall notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations of its intention. Such notification or modification thereto shall have effect in accordance with the time scales laid down in Article 1, paragraphs 6. and 7. of the 1958 Agreement (E/ECE/324 – E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.2)".