OICA statement on the development of the draft UN GTR on Worldwide harmonized Light vehicle Test Procedures (WLTP)

OICA would like to recognise the contribution of all stakeholders in the development of the formal paper ECE-TRANS-WP29-GRPE-2013-13 which is presented for adoption. The work involved in the development of this initial gtr text is unprecedented in a number of ways but mainly in the timescale under which it has been achieved.

As the roadmap for WLTP was adopted in June 2009, Contracting Parties and NGOs alike expressed doubts about the feasibility of adoption of a phase 1 gtr within the calendar year 2014 and yet the text that is presented for adoption is an impressive first step towards having a global technical regulation on the criteria emissions, CO_2 emissions and fuel/energy consumption testing of light duty vehicles, including those that are partially or fully electrified.

This is however not the end or the beginning of the end, it is merely the end of the beginning.
The last meeting in phase 1a of the sub-group LabProcICE (which has borne a large proportion of the work) had an agenda with over 200 open points, some of which form the content of an informal paper from the WLTP Informal Group to amend GRPE-2013-13 and some of which have had to be postponed to later phases of the gtr.

OICA and its members are looking forward to delivering a continued commitment to phase 1b and all subsequent phases of development of a complete WLTP gtr and hope for a similar continuation of the commitment of Contracting Parties as well as patience and understanding as the phase 1a document evolves into a robust and usable global technical regulation.

Finally OICA would like to remind Contacting Parties and other involved NGOs that a Round Robin test programme was included in the roadmap for phase 1 of WLTP and must not be neglected. We will give serious consideration in the coming months to a proposed timing and content of the Round Robin and present at least a framework at the 68th GRPE in January 2014.

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