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Dear Mr Kisulenko

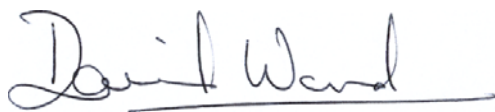
In your capacity as chairman of the World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations (WP29) I am writing to support the concerns raised by our partner the European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP) about the level of safety of quadricycles (category L vehicles).

In 2014 Euro NCAP crash tested four quadricycles available on the market in Europe. (See: <http://www.euroncap.com/en/vehicle-safety/safety-campaigns/2014-quadricycles-tests/>). The results revealed critical safety problems with significantly lower levels of occupant protection. With support from Global NCAP, another round of testing was carried out this year and included a further four models. The new results showed that "little progress has been made with test findings as bad as they were two years ago". (See: <http://www.euroncap.com/en/vehicle-safety/safety-campaigns/2016-quadricycles-tests/>).

Based on their crash test findings Euro NCAP has recommended that all quadricycles should be subject to baseline regulatory crash tests. The quadricycle industry has failed to invest in safety and will do so only if pushed by legislation. The absence of basic safety measures in current vehicles exposes the occupants to a high risk of fatal or serious injury. Global NCAP fully supports these recommendations.

Given these latest results we would encourage the Working Group on Passive Safety to expedite proposals to improve the crash worthiness of category L vehicles. We believe that quadricycles have the characteristics of small cars and should offer comparable levels of safety. There is significant sales potential of quadricycles worldwide and it is right to act now to prevent the growth of a new class of unsafe vehicles. That is why we think it would be appropriate for WP29 to establish a new global standard for category L vehicles to ensure that they provide levels of occupant protection equivalent to passenger cars.

Yours sincerely



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