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**COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ECE BODIES AND
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**Proposed liaison between SC17/WG10 and the Working Party on
Road Traffic Safety (WP.1)**

Transmitted by the ISO/IEC Committee on Cards and Personal Identification

The ISO Committee on Cards and Personal Identification (ISO/IEC JTC1/SC17), is formally requesting the establishment of a liaison between SC17/WG10 and the UN/ECE Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1).

SC17 is developing an International Standard for a driver licence identification card which will include a basic functional "model" set of data elements, for the most part, as specified in the 1968 Vienna Convention. At the moment it is envisaged that the annexes to the standard will describe a variety of ISO/IEC JTC1/SC17 Card Technologies from which motor vehicle authorities may select an appropriate approach that best meets their electronic data storage requirements. It is not the purpose of the standard to mandate the use of any specific methodology or technology in the production or issuance of a driver licence document.

The purpose of this multi-part standard will include:

- Establishment of guidelines in the format and content of motor vehicle driver licence to support the requirements of national or regional motor vehicle authorities and international conventions;
- Promote compliance to assure a level of interchangeability and mutual acceptance among cooperating nations, without impeding the protocols of any individual nation, for driving privileges of visitors or exchange of driver licences;
- Provide common platforms for information exchange and interoperability among nations;
- Provide for electronic stored data security as well as human-readable document security;
- Encourages the transition from existing driver licence production and issuance practices to the new standard (e.g. ISO ID-1 Size);
- Facilitates future development in ISO technology and applications.

The SC17/WG10 is aware of the work being carried out by the ECE Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), which is responsible for the maintenance of the 1949 and 1968 Vienna Conventions on Road Traffic, which contain model formats for the domestic and international driving permit.

The SC17 and particularly WG10 are anxious that the two groups both work in the same direction, avoid any potential overlaps and ensure that both are fully informed of each others work and plans for the future. Such a liaison would allow SC17/WG10 to provide WP.1 with WG10 documents and would permit representatives from WP.1 to attend WG10 meetings. It is hoped that WP.1 would also establish such a liaison with WG10 to allow the same exchanges.

The basis of any liaison is the mutual benefit that can be derived by both organizations cooperating in identifying and solving driver licence document related issues. From SC17/WG10's viewpoint, its success is contingent on how well it learns and understands the needs of national and regional motor vehicle authorities as well as the international motor vehicle community which UN/ECE represents to reduce the risk of driver licence fraud and abuse and help maintain road safety. Solutions cannot be offered unless it understands the driver licence document issues in the context of the rapid proliferation of the internet age as both a threat and an opportunity.

From the UN/ECE viewpoint, it has available ISO technical expert resources to recommend possible solutions in the area of IDPs in the rapidly changing global environment of information exchange.

In a similar manner to a proposed liaison between SC17 WG10 and UN/ECE, it should be noted that SC17 Work Group 3 on Machine Readable Passports has enjoyed a longstanding successful liaison with the Technical Advisory Group of the International Civil Aviation Organization of the United Nations in the field of Machine Readable Passports and Visas (ICAO TAG-MRTD).

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