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SESSION (9-12 March 2004)**

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REPORT

ATTENDANCE

1. The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) held its one-hundred-and-thirty-second session from 9 to 12 March 2004, under the chairmanship of Mr. V. Kutenev (Russian Federation). The following countries were represented, following Rule 1(a) of the Rules of Procedure of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690): Australia; Austria; Belgium; Canada; Croatia; Czech Republic; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Ireland; Italy; Japan; Latvia; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Norway; People's Republic of China; Poland; Portugal; Republic of Korea; Romania; Russian Federation; Saudi Arabia; Serbia and Montenegro; Slovakia; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; Ukraine; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America. Representatives of the European Union (EU) participated. The following non-governmental organizations were also represented: International Organization for Standardization (ISO); International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA); International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA); European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA) ^{1/}; European Tyre and Rim Technical Organization (ETRTO); Working Party "Brussels 1952" (GTB); European LPG Association (AEGPL); Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA); Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE); Union of Technical Assistance for Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic (UNATAC); International Confederation of Associations of Experts and Consultants (CIDADEC); International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee (CITA); European Natural Gas Vehicle Association (ENGVA). At the invitation of the Chairman, the Foundation for the Automobile and Society (FIA Foundation) also participated.

A. SESSION OF WP.29

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2. The provisional agenda (TRANS/WP.29/991) was adopted by WP.29 with the modifications noted below:

(i) Additional and amendment of agenda items

- 4.2.20. Regulation No. 113 (Headlamps emitting a symmetrical passing beam)
- 9.2. Requirements regarding approval markings.
- 9.3. Harmonization of gaseous fuel standards
- 9.4. Proposal for amendments to Regulations Nos. 14 and 16
- 9.5. Events data recorder (EDR).

(ii) Additional documents:

- Item 4.3.5 document TRANS/WP.29/2002/67/Rev.1/Corr.1

^{1/} Representing also Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) and Japan Auto Parts Industries Association (JAPIA) (TRANS/WP.29/885, para. 4).

Item 4.3.7.	document TRANS/WP.29/2004/22/Corr.1 (English only)
Item 5.2.	document TRANS/WP.29/2004/29
Item B2.3.10.	document TRANS/WP.29/2004/29.

(iii) Deferred items (for justifications see para. 5 below):

Items 4.3.1. to 4.3.7.	New draft Regulations
Item 4.4.1.	Regulation No. 18 (outstanding proposal)
Items 4.5.1. to 4.5.3.	Amendments to draft Regulations.

3. The documents distributed without a symbol during the session are listed in annex 1 to this report.

2. COORDINATION AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

2.1. Report of the Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (WP.29/AC.2)

4. The eighty-fourth session of WP.29/AC.2, considering the coordination and organization of work of WP.29, was held on 8 March 2004, under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Gauvin (France) and attended by representatives of Canada; European Union (EU); France; Germany; Italy; Japan; Russian Federation; United Kingdom; United States of America.

5. WP.29/AC.2 reviewed the provisional agenda of the current session of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/991) and recommended the modifications (see para. 2 above). Concerning the items deferred, it was noted that:

(a) For items 4.3.1. to 4.3.7. (new draft Regulations), the representative of the EU confirmed that the internal procedures necessary for a formal adoption were in progress, but that he was still awaiting the authorization to vote on behalf of the EU Member States.

(b) For item 4.4.1., concerning Regulation No. 18, no agreement had yet been reached in the EU. It was recalled that this amendment could only be voted on together with the new draft Regulation on the protection of motor vehicles against unauthorized use (item 4.3.1.).

(c) For items 4.5.1. to 4.5.3., concerning amendments to new draft Regulations, it was agreed that these amendments could only be voted on after the adoption of the new Regulations (items 4.3.4., 4.3.3. and 4.3.5.).

(d) For new item 9.4. it was recommended that informal document No. WP.29-132-11 be transmitted to GRSP for its consideration.

6. WP.29/AC.2 regretted that the request for an additional P-4 post for the biennium 2004-2005 had been rejected by the General Assembly. WP.29/AC.2 noted the request from the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) to the secretariat to ask again for the P-4 post and the request to the UNECE Executive Secretary to explore the possibilities of providing this post to the UNECE Transport Division through internal deployment within UNECE. WP.29/AC.2 recommended WP.29 to reiterate the request for a new professional post (P-4) to deal with its new responsibilities. It also recommended WP.29 to request the secretariat to prepare the justification for the new P-4 post in an annex to this report. According to the information received by the secretariat, this justification could be used as a basis for the drafting of the Programme Budget

Implications. WP.29/AC.2 recommended that WP.29 delegates should contact their national representatives in New York dealing with the UN budget in order to insist on the need for the requested P-4 post.

7. WP.29/AC.2 reviewed the follow-up of the Round Table on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), held on 18 February 2004 during the sixty-sixth session of ITC, and the state of preparation of the sixth informal meeting on ITS. It suggested that a detailed consideration of the subject should be deferred to the sixth meeting of the informal group, scheduled for 12 March 2004. It was recommended to invite the Chairperson of WP.1 to the next session of WP.29 in order to ensure a coordination of the ITS activities of WP.1 and WP.29.

8. WP.29/AC.2 also reviewed the forecast made by the secretariat for the agenda of the one-hundred-and-thirty-third session, to be held in Geneva, from 22 to 25 June 2004. It noted that fourteen amendments were expected to existing Regulations, along with proposals for the seven new draft Regulations pending, as well as the deferred items of the current WP.29 session.

9. With respect to the 1958 Agreement, WP.29/AC.2 continued its deliberations regarding the drafting of Regulations. Concerning assistance in resolving the interpretation issues, it was recommended that WP.29 should consider the proposals at its next session.

10. WP.29/AC.2 endorsed the suggestion by the representative of the United Kingdom to prepare an electronic database for type approvals to be integrated, for test purposes, in the WP.29 website.

11. WP.29/AC.2 considered two proposals by the secretariat, one to cease the elaboration of final documents in order to avoid intermediate documents, the other to complete the WP.29 website with a "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)" feature. WP.29/AC.2 agreed to resume consideration of both items at its next session. The secretariat agreed to send unique answers to FAQ out to AC.2 members for review.

12. Concerning the development of global technical regulations (gtr) under the 1998 Agreement, WP.29/AC.2 noted the official proposals to develop gtrs on pedestrian safety by the EC, on safety glazing by Germany and on a World-wide Heavy-Duty Certification Procedure (WHDC) by the EC. WP.29/AC.2 also noted a second progress report on the development of a gtr concerning door locks and door retention components. WP.29/AC.2 suggested that these proposals, as well as the draft proposal for a new Consolidated Resolution on Common Definitions, Masses and Dimensions, should be considered in detail by WP.29 and AC.3.

13. In relation to the draft gtr on door locks and door retention components, the GRSP Chairwoman mentioned the problems which the secretariat had encountered with the translation of the text, due to its volume being above the limit set up by the General Assembly. In order to avoid such a problem in the future, AC.2 proposed to WP.29 to mandate its Chairman to address, if necessary, a letter to the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management requesting that technical documents for WP.29 and proposals from Governments should not be subject to page limits.

14. For the 1997 Agreement regarding Periodical Technical Inspections, WP.29/AC.2 agreed to propose to WP.29 that the Administrative Committee AC.4 should not meet until June 2004. Consideration of the draft Rule No. 2, pending the comments from GRSG and GRSP, would be

resumed at that session, jointly with the new proposal from Germany (informal document No. WP.29-132-5).

15. To the question to extend the scope of UNECE Regulations on emissions of gaseous pollutants and particulates to compression ignition (CI) engines used for inland navigation vessels, WP.29/AC.2 recommended to inform the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) that these engines were out of the scope of the 1958 Agreement. Nevertheless, the Regulations developed for wheeled vehicles and the European Union Directives could be a basis to fix emissions limits to these engines.

16. WP.29 noted the report of WP.29/AC.2 on its eighty-fourth session and accepted its recommendations.

2.2. Programme of work and documentation

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2004/1.

17. WP.29 noted the programme of work prepared by the secretariat and invited the Chairpersons of the subsidiary bodies to examine it and to indicate to the secretariat any corrections or modifications, if necessary.

2.3. Matters arising from the sixty-sixth session of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC)

18. WP.29 was informed that the ITC expressed its regret regarding the decision by the General Assembly not to approve the additional P-4 post requested for work on the 1998 Agreement. WP.29 reiterated its strong support for the ITC requests (see para. 6 above) and stressed that, without this additional post, the secretariat would be unable to ensure the responsibilities for developing the three Agreements administered by WP.29.

19. WP.29 invited the Director of the UNECE Transport Division to request this additional post in the future regular budget biennium 2006-2007. WP.29 also requested the secretariat to prepare a justification for the new P-4 post, to be adopted at the current WP.29 session. WP.29 adopted the justification as reproduced in annex 3 to this report.

2.4. Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) - including the follow-up of the Round Table

Documentation: Informal documents Nos. WP.29-132-6 and WP.29-132-7 of annex 1 to this report.

20. WP.29 noted, with satisfaction, the success of the Round Table on ITS held on 18 February 2004 during the sixty-sixth session of ITC. Mr. K. Wani, Co-Chairman of the informal group on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS), thanked the speakers for their excellent presentations which are available at the WP.29 website.

21. Mr. Wani briefed WP.29 about the documents submitted for consideration at the sixth meeting of the ITS group, scheduled for 12 March 2004. The representative of Germany announced a presentation for that meeting. The representative of ISO announced the intention of his organization to present, at the next session in June 2004, the activity of ISO TC 22 and TC 204 in this field.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES, SUBSIDIARY TO WP.29

3.1. Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE) (Fifty-first session, 15-19 September 2003)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRE/51.

22. WP.29 recalled the oral report of the GRE Secretary, given during the one-hundred-and-thirty-first session (TRANS/WP.29/953, paras. 31 to 35), and approved the report. The Chairman of GRE drew the attention of WP.29 to the regrettable situation that, for the illumination of emergency stop lamps, different systems had already been put on the market without an agreement on the most appropriate, unique system.

3.2. Working Party on Braking and Running Gear (GRRF) (Fifty-fourth session, 6-8 October 2003)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/54.

23. WP.29 recalled the oral presentation that had been given by the GRRF Chairman during the one-hundred-and-thirty-first session (TRANS/WP.29/953, paras. 36 to 39), and approved the report.

3.3. Working Party on Noise (GRB) (Thirty-eighth session, 9 and 10 October 2003)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRB/36.

24. WP.29 recalled the oral report of the GRB Chairman, given during the one-hundred-and-thirty-first session (TRANS/WP.29/953, paras. 40 to 44), and approved the report.

3.4. Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG) (Eighty-fifth session, 21-24 October 2003)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/64.

25. WP.29 recalled the oral report of the GRSG Chairman, given during the one-hundred-and-thirty-first session (TRANS/WP.29/953, paras. 45 to 51), and approved the report.

3.5. Highlights of the recent sessions
(Oral reports by the Chairpersons)

3.5.1. Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)
(Thirty-fourth session, 7-10 December 2003)

26. The Chairwoman of GRSP, Ms. J. Abraham, reported on the results made by the group during its thirty-fourth session (for more details see the report of the session TRANS/WP/29/GRSP/34).

27. She announced that GRSP would finalize the draft gtr on door lock and door retention components at its next session and submit a recommended gtr to WP.29 and AC.3 at their November 2004 session. She indicated that the remaining issues were, for the most part, questions of policy, such as scope and application, and could be decided, if need be, by AC.3 at the next session. She indicated that a significant amount of work had been done by the group and requested that Contracting Parties facilitate a positive vote on the establishing of this first gtr at the November 2004 session of AC.3.

28. The Chairwoman reiterated the importance of providing documentation in support of proposals, including accident and injury data that define the safety problem, in order for the group to conduct its work in an efficient manner.

29. WP.29 agreed that collaboration between GRSG and GRSP in the field of frontal impact of buses and coaches might be required, once proposals on this issue were made available.

30. The representative of ISO announced the intention of his organization to make a demonstration of the WorldSID dummy during the June session of WP.29, on 22 June 2004.

3.5.2. Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)
(Forty-seventh session, 13-16 January 2004)

31. Mr. B. Gauvin, Chairman of GRPE, reported on the progress of work made by the group in its forty-seventh session (for more details see the report of the session TRANS/WP/29/GRPE/47).

32. He informed WP.29 that the informal group on hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles (HFCV) had considered a road map for the development of a gtr and identified two possible options (first option: focus directly on gtr development under the 1998 Agreement, second option: adoption for an interim period of two draft components Regulations under the 1958 Agreement and parallel development of a gtr). The Chairman added that no consensus had been reached and GRPE agreed to seek advice from WP.29 regarding this subject.

33. The representative of Japan confirmed the high priority attributed by his Government to this issue which is the subject of an ongoing rulemaking process in his country. He emphasized the need to conclude, as soon as possible, the road map on hydrogen vehicles. He pointed out that the development of the gtr should be clearly defined in the road map, adopted by the Contracting Parties.

34. The representative of the United States of America raised concerns on the proposed draft Regulations under the 1958 Agreement. She expressed the preference of her Government to develop directly a gtr on hydrogen vehicles as a whole, including all environmental and safety aspects.

35. The representative of Germany, as Chairman of the informal group, preferred to adopt, in a first step, the two existing proposals for hydrogen storage systems as Regulations under the 1958 Agreement. The representative of OICA was of the same opinion. The representative of the EC requested that the discussion should be deferred to the June 2004 session.

36. Concluding the discussion, WP.29 requested the delegates to consider the options and to give their opinion at the June 2004 sessions of GRPE and WP.29, in order to take a final decision on the roadmap on hydrogen vehicles.

37. WP.29 followed with interest a presentation by the representative of ENGVA regarding the need for harmonization of international standards on gaseous fuels. The representative of ISO informed WP.29 on the recent activities of his organization in that field. WP.29 agreed on the importance of the subject, but was of the opinion that it was not in the scope of the Agreements administered by WP.29. It was agreed to consider, at the June session of WP.29, the possibility of organizing a Round Table on the subject. The representative of ENGVA was requested to prepare, in cooperation with ISO, a roadmap of such a Round Table for consideration at the next GRPE session.

3.5.3. Working Party on Braking and Running Gear (GRRF)
(Fifty-fifth session, 3-6 February 2004)

38. The Chairman of GRRF, Mr. I. Yarnold, reported on the results made by the group during its fifty-fifth session (for more details see the report of the session TRANS/WP/29/GRRF/55).

39. The Chairman reported the agreement of GRRF with the text of the draft Rule No. 2 to be annexed to the 1997 Agreement, subject to the removal of the square brackets in paragraph 1.2.1.

40. Regarding the consideration of electronically controlled stability enhancement systems, the Chairman requested the consent of WP.29 to establish an informal group in order to investigate that issue in greater detail. WP.29 gave its consent.

41. WP.29 noted that GRRF had considered briefly, at its fifty-fifth session the new draft Regulation for replacement wheels. The Chairman reminded WP.29 that the situation had been considered at the one-hundred-and-twenty-eighth session (TRANS/WP.29/885, para. 44) and that GRRF was waiting for a clear signal from Contracting Parties that the proposal would be supported before submitting it to WP.29 and AC.1.

3.5.4. Working Party on Noise (GRB)
(Thirty-ninth session, 24-26 February 2004)

42. Mr. D. Meyer, Chairman of GRB, reported on the results made by the group during its thirty-ninth session (for more details see the report of the session TRANS/WP.29/GRB/37).

4. 1958 AGREEMENT

4.1. Status of the Agreement and on annexed Regulations, including the latest situation report

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/343/Rev.12; informal document No. WP.29-132-10 of annex 1 to this report.

43. The secretariat presented the update to the status document, reflecting the situation at 11 February 2004. He announced that he had transmitted to the UN Secretary-General a notification on the future application of Regulation No. 41 by the Netherlands. He said that, in accordance with the Depositary Notifications recently received, the expected date for the entry into force of Supplements and a new Series of amendments to the Regulations, voted by AC.1 during its November 2003 session, would be 12 August 2004.

44. WP.29 noted the information by the representative from Japan on the planning for adoption of UNECE Regulations and on the rulemaking process in Japan (Informal document No. WP.29-132-10). The representative of Hungary informed WP.29 on the work of an informal group of experts dealing with frontal collision of buses and coaches. This group will take into consideration the Japanese safety regulations under study, indicated in informal document WP.29-132-10. The representative of France was of the opinion that GRSG should start studying the necessary requirements for visual and acoustical safety belt reminder systems.

4.2. Consideration of draft amendments to existing Regulations

45. WP.29 considered the amendments under agenda items 4.2.1. to 4.2.20. Subject to the editorial corrections mentioned in the following paras. 46 to 48, WP.29 recommended that the draft amendments should be submitted to AC.1 by vote.

46. Agenda item 4.2.3. - Regulation No. 13, document TRANS/WP.29/2004/12, paragraph 2.9.4.1., the Formula, correct to read " $M_r = \dots$ ".

47. Agenda item 4.2.12. - The title of document TRANS/WP.29/2004/16 should read: "PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLEMENT 16 TO REGULATION No. 54".

48. Agenda item 4.2.17. - In the title of the French version of document TRANS/WP.29/2004/18 replace "(Freinage harmonisé)" by "(Pneumatiques pour véhicules agricoles)".

4.3. Consideration of new draft Regulations

49. The consideration by WP.29 of the seven new draft Regulations (listed under agenda items 4.3.1. to 4.3.7.) was deferred (see paras. 2 and 5 above).

4.4. Consideration of draft amendments to existing Regulations, currently outstanding

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2000/18; TRANS/WP.29/2000/18/Add.1;
TRANS/WP.29/2003/39; TRANS/WP.29/2001/61.

50. The consideration of the outstanding draft amendment to Regulation No. 18 (agenda item 4.4.1.) was also deferred (see paras. 2 and 5 above).

51. WP.29 considered the amendments under agenda items 4.4.2. and 4.4.3., and recommended that the draft amendments should be submitted to AC.1 by vote, subject to the following corrections:

52. Agenda item 4.4.2. - Regulation No. 67, document TRANS/WP.29/2003/39, amend the title to read "DRAFT CORRIGENDUM 1 TO SUPPLEMENT 2 ...".

53. Agenda item 4.4.3. - Regulation No. 67, document TRANS/WP.29/2001/61, amend the title to read "PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT SUPPLEMENT 3 TO THE 01 SERIES ...".

4.5. Consideration of draft amendments to draft Regulations after their adoption

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/63 and Corr.1; TRANS/WP.29/2003/72;
TRANS/WP.29/2004/23.

54. The consideration of the draft amendments to draft Regulations on cornering lamps (agenda item 4.5.1.), on burning behaviour of materials (agenda item 4.5.2.) and on identification of hand controls, tell-tales and indicators (agenda item 4.5.3.) were deferred (see paras. 2 and 5 above).

5. 1998 AGREEMENT (GLOBAL)

5.1. Status of the Agreement and on annexed regulations, including the latest situation report

Documentation: Informal document No. WP.29-132-1 of annex 1 to this report.

55. WP.29 noted the information in informal document No. WP.29-132-1 reflecting the situation of the Global Agreement at 2 March 2004. An updated table with the priorities and proposals is reproduced in annex 2 to this report.

5.2. Implementation of the 1998 Agreement Programme of Work by the Working Parties subsidiary to WP.29

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2004/26; TRANS/WP.29/2004/27; TRANS/WP.29/2004/28;
TRANS/WP.29/2004/29.

56. WP.29 noted the documents tabled for the tenth session of the Executive Committee (AC.3) of the 1998 Agreement and agreed that a more detailed consideration of the programme of work should take place during that AC.3 session (see paras. 83 to 100 below).

57. The representative of ETRTO underlined the need for a gtr on tyres. He announced a presentation of the subject during the next WP.29 session. WP.29 recommended that AC.3 should decide the follow-up to be given to the proposal in the light of the ETRTO presentation.

6. 1997 AGREEMENT (INSPECTIONS)

6.1. Status of the Agreement

Documentation: Informal documents Nos. WP.29-132-2 and WP.29-132-12 of annex 1 to this report.

58. WP.29 noted situation of the Agreement at 2 March 2004 (informal document No. WP.29-132-2).

59. The representative of the Russian Federation raised the issue of verifying the compliance of vehicles used in international transport with UNECE Regulations on emissions and noise in force at the time of their first registration (informal document No. WP.29-132-12) and made proposals to improve the current situation. As the conclusion of an exchange of views, WP.29 requested the secretariat to distribute the document with an official symbol, for consideration at the next session.

6.2. Consideration of the amendments of Articles 11 and 12 of the Agreement

60. WP.29 noted that the proposal for amending articles 11 and 12 of the Agreement, proposed by Finland, had been transmitted by the secretariat to the UN Secretary-General. The proposed amendments are reproduced below:

Article 11, paragraph (g), correct to read:

"(g) the entry into force of any amendment in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 10 "

Article 12, amend to read:

"Article 12

Bodies or establishments designated and directly supervised by the Contracting Parties may carry out periodical technical inspections in accordance with this Agreement on behalf of another Contracting Party provided both the Contracting Party where the vehicle is registered and the Contracting Party where the inspections are to take place are in agreement."

6.3. Progress of work in the consideration of the proposal for draft Rule No. 2 by the Working Parties subsidiary to WP.29

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/16; TRANS/WP.29/2004/24; informal document No. WP.29-132-5 of annex 1 to this report.

61. WP.29 noted the proposal transmitted by GRE (TRANS/WP.29/2004/24) as well as the proposal of informal document No. WP.29-132-5 tabled by the representative from Germany. WP.29 requested the secretariat to distribute the informal document with an official symbol (with the necessary correction on page 22) for consideration by the concerned GR's, and confirmed that the GRE proposal, as well as the expected proposals by GRSG and GRSP, should be transmitted for consideration at the June 2004 session.

62. WP.29 confirmed that AC.4 would have its next session in June 2004 (see para. 14).

7. CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES (R.E.3)

7.1. Proposal for annex 17 (new): Declaration of compliance with a specific (former) version of an ECE Regulation

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/44/Rev.1.

63. WP.29 had a detailed exchange of views on the proposal regarding a declaration of compliance with a specific (former) version of a Regulation. The representative of Japan pointed out that the proposal was not clear enough and opposed it, considering it not necessary and creating possible confusion. Concerning the suggestion to solve the problems by using Article 12 of the Agreement, several experts expressed their concerns. In order to give more time to the representatives to consider this issue, WP.29 agreed to defer its consideration to the November 2004 session.

8. DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR A NEW CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION ON COMMON DEFINITIONS, MASSES AND DIMENSIONS (R.E.5)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2004/25.

64. WP.29 noted that the proposal for a R.E.5 should be adopted by WP.29 and by AC.3. The expert from Japan stated that the Resolution should be adopted by AC.3 and endorsed by WP.29. It was agreed that, after a general discussion by WP.29, the proposal would also be considered by AC.3 (paras. 84 and 85).

65. Several delegates were of the opinion that further clarifications would be necessary regarding the articulated vehicle definition, the determination of the unladen vehicle mass, the application of the proposal not only to gtrs but also to UNECE Regulations and the reference in the text to gtr 0 instead of to R.E.5. WP.29 agreed to transmit the proposal to the GR's for comments, and to resume consideration of this subject at a further session.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1. Enforcement of type approval and conformity of production standards

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2002/28.

66. WP.29 noted that this subject was still under consideration by WP.29/AC.2.

9.1.1. Rules and recommendations for preparation of standards and regulations

67. WP.29 noted that no new proposals had been transmitted for consideration.

9.1.2. Resolving of interpretation issues

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/100; TRANS/WP.29/2003/101.

68. Following the WP.29/AC.2 recommendation, WP.29 agreed to consider this agenda item at its June 2004 session.

9.1.3. Recall systems applied by various Contracting Parties to the Agreement

69. No new presentations were given during the session.

9.1.4. Feasibility of establishing an electronic database for type approval of exchange of information

70. WP.29 noted the information from WP.29/AC.2 on the possibilities of setting up a test database on the WP.29 website. OICA was requested to investigate, in collaboration with the United Kingdom, the ways how to realize it and to submit possible solutions to WP.29. The expert from ETRTO agreed to collaborate in the establishment of this database.

9.1.5. Standardizing the amendment procedure of ECE Regulations

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/97; informal document No. WP.29-132-4 of annex 1 to this report.

71. The expert from OICA introduced informal document No. WP.29-132-4 with proposals to amend the status document TRANS/WP.29/343 and the WP.29 terms of reference (TRANS/WP.29/690). Several delegations expressed concern with the proposal to amend existing WP.29 documents. In order to allow a detailed consideration of the proposal, the secretariat was requested to distribute the document with an official symbol for consideration at the June 2004 session. Delegates were invited to submit their comments on it.

9.2. Requirements regarding approval markings

Documentation: Informal document No. WP.29-132-3 of annex 1 to this report.

72. The representative of GTB introduced informal document No. WP.29-132-3 with a proposal to simplify the approval markings for Regulations concerning lighting and light-signalling devices. WP.29 agreed that the document should be transmitted to GRE for consideration. OICA and CLEPA were requested to wait for the results of the GRE consideration and then examine the possible extension of the proposal to other components.

9.3. Harmonization of gaseous fuel standards

Documentation: Informal documents Nos. WP.29-132-8 and WP.29-132-9 of annex 1 to this report.

73. The consideration of this subject was made under agenda item 3.5.2. (see para. 37).

9.4. Proposal for amendments to Regulations Nos. 14 and 16

Documentation: Informal document No. WP.29-132-11 of annex 1 to this report.

74. Following the WP.29/AC.2 recommendation, WP.29 agreed that informal document No. WP.29-132-11 should be transmitted to GRSP for further consideration.

9.5. Events data recorder (EDR)

Documentation: Informal document No. WP.29-132-13 of annex 1 to this report.

75. Informal document No. WP.29-132-13, introduced by the representative of France, was favourably received. GRSG was mandated to include in its programme of work this subject. Delegates were invited to provide GRSG with all useful information to be taken into consideration.

10. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

76. WP.29 adopted the report together with the annexes at its one-hundred-and-thirty-second session.

B. SESSIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

1. 1958 AGREEMENT TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION of the Administrative Committee (AC.1) of the amended Agreement

1.1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AC.1

77. Of the forty Contracting Parties to the Agreement, representatives of 31 Parties were present and established AC.1 for its twenty-sixth session.

1.2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

78. Following the previous practice, AC.1 invited Mr. B. Gauvin, Vice-Chairman of WP.29, to chair the session of AC.1.

1.3. DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS - VOTING BY AC.1

79. The result of the vote on the documents submitted to AC.1 is reflected in the following table:

Regulation No.	Subject of the Regulation	Contracting Parties		Document; TRANS/WP.29/....	Voting result: for/against/abstention	Document status	Remark
		applying the Regulation	present and voting				
3	Retro-reflecting devices	37	31	2004/2	31/0/0	Suppl. 9 to 02	*/
13	Braking	37	30	2004/11	30/0/0	Suppl. 9 to 09	*/
13	Braking	37	30	2004/12 as corrected by para. 46	30/0/0	Corr. 3 to Suppl. 6 to 09	*/
13	Braking	37	30	2004/13	30/0/0	Corr. 1 to Suppl. 7 to 09	*/
13-H	Harmonized braking	38	31	2004/14	31/0/0	Corr. 1 to Suppl. 2 to 00	*/
30	Pneumatic tyres	38	31	2004/15	31/0/0	Corr. 1 to Suppl. 10 to 02	*/
36	Large capacity passenger vehicles	24	19	2004/20	19/0/0	Suppl. 10 to 03	
37	Filament lamps	36	30	2004/3	30/0/0	Suppl. 24 to 03	*/
48	Installation of lighting and light-signalling	34	28	2004/4	28/0/0	Suppl. 9 to 02	*/
48	Installation of lighting and light-signalling	34	28	2004/5 (French only)	28/0/0	Corr. 1 to Suppl. 2 to 00	*/
52	Small capacity passenger vehicles, M2 and M3 category	24	19	2004/21	19/0/0	Suppl. 7 to 01	
54	Pneumatic tyres for commercial vehicles	38	31	2004/16 as corrected by para. 47	31/0/0	Suppl. 16 to 00	*/
65	Special warning lamps	25	21	2004/6	21/0/0	Suppl. 4 to 00	
98	Headlamps with gas-discharge light sources	30	26	2004/7	26/0/0	Suppl. 5 to 00	*/

Regulation No.	Subject of the Regulation	Contracting Parties		Document; TRANS/WP.29/....	Voting result: for/against/abstention	Document status	Remark
		applying the Regulation present and voting					
99	Gas-discharge light sources	29	26	2004/8	26/0/0	Corr. 1 to Suppl. 1 to 00	*/
106	Agricultural tyres	34	28	2004/17	28/0/0	Suppl. 3 to 00	*/
106	Agricultural tyres	34	28	2004/18 as corrected by para. 48	28/0/0	Corr. 1 to Suppl. 2 to 00	*/
109	Retreaded pneumatic tyres for commercial vehicles	35	28	2004/19	28/0/0	Suppl. 2 to 00	*/
112	Headlamps emitting an asymmetrical passing beam	38	31	2004/9	31/0/0	Suppl. 4 to 00	*/
113	Headlamps emitting a symmetrical passing beam	38	32	2004/10	32/0/0	Corr. 1 to Suppl. 2 to 00	*/

*/ EU representative voting for the Member States

80. With regard to the outstanding draft amendments to existing Regulations (agenda item 4.4.), item 4.4.1. was deferred (see para. 50 above). AC.1 voted on the Regulations (items 4.4.2. and 4.4.3.) as listed in the following table:

Regulation No.	Subject of the Regulation	Contracting Parties		Document; TRANS/WP.29/....	Voting result: for/against/abstention	Document status	Remark
		applying the Regulation present and voting					
67	Equipment for liquefied petroleum gas	29	25	2003/39 as corrected by para. 52	25/0/0	Corr. 1 to Suppl. 2 to 01	*/
67	Equipment for liquefied petroleum gas	29	25	2001/61 as corrected by para. 53	25/0/0	Suppl. 3 to 01	*/

*/ EU representative voting for the Member States

1.4. NEW DRAFT REGULATIONS – VOTING BY AC.1

1.4.1. Proposals for new draft Regulations (agenda items 4.3.1. to 4.3.7.)

81. Items deferred (see para. 49 above).

**2. 1998 AGREEMENT (GLOBAL)
TENTH SESSION of the Executive Committee (AC.3) of the Agreement**

82. The tenth session of AC.3 was held in the morning of Thursday, 11 March 2004. The representatives of nineteen Contracting Parties to the Agreement attended the session.

2.1. Election of officers

83. At the proposal of the representative from France, supported by the representatives of the EC, Japan, Italy, Germany and the United States of America, Mr. M. Fendick (European Community) was unanimously re-elected Chairman for the AC.3 sessions in 2004. Mr K. Wani (Japan) and Mr. K. Simon (United States of America) were, also unanimously, re-elected Vice-Chairmen.

2.2. Consideration of the proposal for a new consolidated resolution concerning the common definitions of vehicles masses and dimensions (R.E.5)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2003/17/Rev.1; TRANS/WP.29/2004/25.

84. AC.3 noted that this item had been considered under agenda item 8. of the WP.29 session (see paras. 64 and 65 above).

85. The representative of OICA gave a presentation on the different vehicles and their classification in the current definitions under the 1958 Agreement (R.E.3) and in the new proposal. AC.3 followed the decision of WP.29 to transmit to all GRs the proposal (TRANS/WP.29/2004/25). They should verify if the proposed definitions meet their needs for the development of gtrs and report back to AC.3 in order to provide a good basis for the development of gtrs.

2.3. Progress in developing proposals for candidate global technical regulations (gtrs)

Documentation: TRANS/WP.29/2004/26; TRANS/WP.29/2004/27; TRANS/WP.29/2004/28; TRANS/WP.29/2004/29.

86. The representative of Canada informed AC.3 on the progress of work in GRE regarding the development of a gtr on the **installation of lighting and light-signalling devices**. He announced that the informal group, set out for the development of the gtr, would meet prior to the next session of GRE and would consider a revised proposal by Canada and the United States of America.

87. The representative of Canada reported on the good progress of the informal group on **motorcycle brakes**. He informed AC.3 that a progress report would be made available to GRRF at its September 2004 session and that the draft gtr could be finalized by March 2005.

88. The delegate from the United Kingdom reported on the results of the second meeting on **passenger vehicle brakes**. He mentioned that the gtr informal group was working on the basis of

applying it only to vehicles of the proposed category 1-1 until a decision regarding the scope from AC.3 emerged. He added that a formal proposal to establish a gtr would be transmitted to AC.3 at its November 2004 session. He also mentioned that one of the most difficult issues still pending was the question of the cost-benefit analysis. He requested the collaboration of the industry and the commitment from the Contracting Parties. He announced that the timescale for the submission of the draft gtr would be 2007. The representative of the United States of America agreed that the proposed scope should be decided by AC.3 and urged the group to complete their work in a shorter time frame. She suggested that the sponsor countries should transmit to AC.3 official progress reports as well as a timescale for the development of a gtr and offered to propose guidelines for that purpose. The representatives of Japan and the EC supported the proposal for the progress reports and the timescale, which should be generalized to all gtr developments. AC.3 asked the gtr sponsors to submit timelines by the November 2004 session. The secretariat was requested to post all the reports of the informal groups on the WP.29 website.

89. AC.3 considered and adopted the formal proposal to develop a gtr on **safety glazing** (TRANS/WP.29/2004/27), amended as follows:

The objective of the proposal, second paragraph, amend to read:

" ... global technical regulation regarding **glass** safety glazing ... standards and regulations, **but will not** contain provisions regarding new materials"

The description of the proposed regulation, second paragraph, amend to read:

"The structure of the global technical regulation will follow the gtr format adopted by WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/883)."

90. The representative of the United States of America gave a presentation on the background of the development of the draft gtr on **controls and displays** and the negative comments which it had received during the rulemaking process in her country. She indicated that her agency was considering these comments. She advised that she would inform AC.3 of the outcome once rulemaking on other final decisions in her country was completed.

91. The Chairman of AC.3 expressed concern regarding the progress of this work. He indicated that lessons should be learned from the development of separate regulations under the 1958 and 1998 Agreements and from the lack of communication by all participants with AC.3 on this issue. AC.3 agreed that, in the future, the parallel development of technical regulations on the same subject under both Agreements should be avoided if at all possible. Following this discussion, AC.3 agreed that WP.29 should address this issue at its June session and that GRSG should keep it on its agenda for the time being.

92. The representative of OICA made the suggestion that, in the future, the parallel elaboration of technical provisions under the different national or international legal instruments should be avoided.

93. AC.3 considered and adopted the formal proposal to develop a gtr on **pedestrian safety** (TRANS/WP.29/2004/26).

94. The GRSP Chairwoman informed AC.3 that GRSP would continue the consideration of the comparison between the requirements of **lower anchorages and tethers for child safety seats** in force in her country and the recently adopted ISOFIX specifications under the 1958 Agreement. In the light of the result of the comparison, GRSP would provide recommendations regarding potential successes of a gtr.

95. AC.3 noted the second progress report on the development of the draft gtr on **door locks and door retention components** (TRANS/WP.29/2004/28). The representative of the United States of America gave a presentation on the status of the gtr in comparison with Regulation No. 11 and the US standard FMVSS 206. She announced that GRSP would consider in its May 2004 session an official proposal for the gtr and confirmed that the draft gtr could be transmitted to AC.3 for consideration at the November 2004 session. The representative of Italy raised concerns on the scope and on certain test methods of the proposal, and announced that he would give his definitive position on this subject during the consideration of the draft by GRSP.

96. AC.3 considered and adopted the formal proposal to develop a gtr on the **world-wide heavy-duty certification procedure** (WHDC) (TRANS/WP.29/2004/29).

97. For the rest of the items (**head restraints, world-wide motorcycle emission test cycle (WMTC), heavy-duty on-board diagnostics systems (WWH-OBD), off-cycle emissions and non-road mobile machinery (NRMM)**) no additional information was given.

2.4. Items on which the exchange of views and data should continue or begin

98. No new information was provided for these items.

2.5. Legal and administrative procedures concerning the Agreement

99. This item was not considered.

2.6. Resolving of the pending issues

100. The Chairman recalled that he had sent to the Contracting Parties the letter received from the Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) on the division of responsibilities under the 1998 Agreement between the UNECE and the OLA Treaty Section in New York. He added that, for the time being, he had received comments only from the United States of America. The Chairman requested and received a mandate from AC.3 for Mr. K. Simon (Vice-Chairman of AC.3) and himself to develop a response to the OLA and expressed appreciation for the potential solution to the division of the responsibility issue. He informed that they would also work with the secretariat to develop the formal delegation of responsibilities. AC.3 requested the UNECE secretariat to report, during the next AC.3 session, on the possibilities for implementing the new task under its responsibilities.

Annex 1

LIST OF INFORMAL DOCUMENTS Nos. WP.29-132-... DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT A
SYMBOL DURING THE ONE-HUNDRED-AND-THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

No.	Transmitted by	Agenda item	Language	Title	Follow-up
1.	Secretariat	5.1.	E	Agreement Concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles. Situation on 2 March 2004	(a)
2.	Secretariat	6.1.	E	Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspections. Situation on 2 March 2004	(a)
3.	GTB	9.2.	E	1958 Agreement - Regulations concerning lighting and light-signalling devices - Requirements regarding approval markings	(d)
4.	OICA	9.1.5.	E	UNECE Regulatory Procedures	(b)
5.	Germany	6.3.	E	Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections - Proposal for draft addendum 2 - Rule No. 2: Uniform Provisions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles with Regard to Their Roadworthiness	(b, d, e, f)
6.	Informal Group on ITS	2.4.	E	Provisional Agenda for the 6th session of the Informal Group on "ITS"	(a)
7.	Japan	2.4.	E	Role and Position (Draft)	(a)

No.	Transmitted by	Agenda item	Language	Title	Follow-up
8.	ENGVA	9.3.	E	Harmonization of Gaseous Fuel Standards	(a)
9.	ENGVA	9.3.	E	Global Harmonization of Gaseous Fuels for Transport: Paving the Pathway for Commercialization	(a)
10.	Japan	9.4.	E	Schedule for Adoption of ECE Regulations and Future Rulemaking Plan	(a)
11.	Russian Federation	9.5.	E/R	Proposals for Draft Amendments to the Regulation No. 14 (E/ECE/324 & E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.1/Add.13/Rev.3) and the Regulation No. 16 (E/ECE/324 & E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.1/Add.15/Rev.4)	(f)
12.	Russian Federation	6.	E/R	Concerning Inspection of Compliance of In-Use Vehicles to the ECE Regulations with regard to Noise and Pollutant Emissions	(b)
13	France	9.5.	E/F	Events Data Recorder (EDR)	(e)

Notes:

- (a) Consideration completed
 - (b) Continue consideration at the next session with an official symbol
 - (c) Continue consideration at the next session as an informal document
 - (d) To be transmitted to GRE
 - (e) To be transmitted to GRSG
 - (f) To be transmitted to GRSP
 - (g) To be transmitted to GRRF
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Annex 2

STATUS OF THE 1998 AGREEMENT: PRIORITIES AND PROPOSALS

Working Party	Item	Informal group (Yes-No) / Chair	Technical sponsor	Formal proposal TRANS/WP.29/..	Proposal for a draft gtr TRANS/WP.29/..
GRE	Installation of Lighting and Light-Signalling Devices	Yes/Canada	Canada	AC.3/4	GRE/2001/6/Rev.2
GRRF	Motorcycle Brakes	Yes/Canada	Canada	AC.3/3	
	Passenger Vehicle Brakes	Yes / United Kingdom and United States of America	Japan and United Kingdom		
GRSG	Safety Glazing	Yes / Germany	Germany	AC.3/..	
	Controls and Displays	No	Canada	AC.3/2	GRSG/2000/8/Rev.3 +/-
	Vehicle Classification, Masses and Dimensions	Yes / Japan	Japan	2003/17/Rev.1	2004/25 #/
GRSP	Pedestrian Safety	Yes / Japan/EC	EC	AC.3/..	
	Lower Anchorages and Tethers for Child Safety Seats	No	[]		
	Door Retention Components	Yes / United States of America	USA	AC.3/5	GRSP/2004/9
	Head Restraints	No	USA		
GRPE	World-wide Heavy-Duty Certification Procedure (WHDC)	No	EC	AC.3/..	
	World-wide Motorcycle Emission Test Cycle (WMTC)	Yes / Germany	Germany	AC.3/6	
	Heavy-Duty OBD (WWH-OBD)	Yes / Japan	USA	AC.3/1	
	Off-cycle Emissions	Yes / United States of America	USA		
	Non-road Mobile Machinery (PM test)	Yes / EC	EC		
	Hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles	Yes/Germany	[]		

+/- Considered at the eighty-fifth session of GRSG Revision 4 is awaited (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/64, para. 28).

#/ To be a new Consolidated Resolution.

Annex 3

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REQUESTED NEW P-4 POST

1. WP.29 agreed that an additional professional post (P-4) was needed within the Vehicle Construction Unit of the UNECE Transport Division and invited the Director of the UNECE Transport Division to request this additional post in the future regular budget biennium 2006-2007. This new post was considered essential to fulfil the new responsibilities of the secretariat arising from the transformation of WP.29 to the World Forum for Regulations and the administration of two new Agreements.
2. WP.29 noted United Nations Resolutions A/RES/57/309 and A/RES/58/9 that expressed concerns about the global road safety crisis. In addition, there have been substantial increases in the public's concern for the environment and the adverse impact of vehicle air emissions. The regulations developed by WP.29, under the authority of the 1958, 1998 and 1997 Agreements have improved, and will continue to significantly improve vehicle safety and environmental performance that will lead to significant reductions of road traffic accident deaths and injuries and improved air quality.
3. WP.29 underlined the economic importance of well-developed and harmonized world-wide vehicle performance standards and regulations in such a major industrial sector. Hundreds of millions of dollars can be saved through adoption of globally-applicable standards and test procedures. Industry is very supportive of WP.29's harmonization efforts.
4. WP.29 has urged that the establishment of the P-4 position be given careful and favourable consideration during the adoption of the budget biennium 2006-2007.
5. The responsibilities of the UNECE Transport Division have increased considerably in recent years in the area of vehicle regulations and will continue to do so in the next biennium for the following reasons:
 - (a) WP.29 became the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations. This has extended the mandate of WP.29 beyond the initial UNECE region by the application of Legal Instruments aiming to develop vehicle regulations that will be applied on a global basis, thus reducing potential barriers to cross-border trade. In addition to the 1958 Agreement, WP.29 currently administers two other Agreements, the 1998 Global Agreement, since 2000, and the 1997 Agreement on Technical Inspections, since 2001.
 - (b) In addition to the 55 UNECE member countries, the following non-UNECE countries now participate in the work of the World Forum: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, New Zealand, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Republic of South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and Vietnam. It is anticipated that this list of non-UNECE countries will grow in the near future.

- (c) The number of Regulations currently annexed to the 1958 Agreement has risen to 116 in 2003 and is expected to rise to 126 in the 2006-2007 biennium. It is expected that more than 80 amendments to existing Regulations will be prepared in each biennium.
 - (d) In the framework of the 1998 Global Agreement, preparatory work on 15 priority areas for the development of global technical regulations started in 2002, increasing the workload considerably. New priorities will be established for the forthcoming biennia for both the environment and safety performance of vehicles.
 - (e) Global technical regulations will require additional and more complex substantive and administrative work than the regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement. The elaboration and adoption of global technical regulations will require a complete justification, including a detailed assessment of best technology, cost effective analysis and potential benefits.
 - (f) The administrative and legal work for the entry into force of global technical regulations will also be much heavier and more complex. It will include the publication of candidate regulations for harmonization, in a Compendium of Candidate Global Regulations and a Registry of Global Technical Regulations. It also includes the issuing of official notifications to all countries Contracting Parties to the Agreement for every change in the status of each global regulation. This is in contrast to Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement, where the Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) currently performs this work.
 - (g) In the current biennium 2004-2005, in addition to the ongoing preparatory work on the 15 priority areas identified, it is expected that about 4 global regulations will be concluded. For the next biennium 2006-2007, it is expected that about 6 global technical regulations will be concluded.
 - (h) In the framework of the 1997 Agreement on Technical Inspections, in addition to the likely accession of 18 new Contracting Parties, it is expected that a new Rule will be annexed to the Agreement. Furthermore, Rule No. 1 will be amended.
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