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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 44
(Child restraints)

Transmitted by the expert from the European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA)

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A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 6.2.4.1., add at the end a sentence to read:

"Y-shaped belts may also be used in addition to a shield in front facing child restraint system."

Paragraph 7.1.4.1.10.1.2., amend to read:

"7.1.4.1.10.1.2. without the anti-rotation device in use. This requirement does not apply when there is a support leg that is permanently attached in the position for use or if there is a permanently attached support leg that is deployed automatically or manually such that the CRS attachments can only be engaged with the ISOFIX anchorages in the vehicle if the support leg is in the correct position for use."

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B. JUSTIFICATION

Re. paragraph 6.2.4.1.

Paragraph 6.2.4.1. in its current version states that the Y-shaped belt may only be used in rearward facing CRS. The purpose of this paragraph is to prevent the usage of Y-shaped belt in front facing CRS. However, it does not permit the usage of Y-shaped belt for lateral facing CRS. In front facing CRS, a shield may be used alone, the possibility to use a Y-belt in addition to this shield gives the opportunity to improve this type of child restraint.

Re. paragraph 7.1.4.1.10.1.2.

This proposal is an update of the proposals in TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2003/15 and in informal document No. GRSP-34-26, after consultation between experts from CLEPA and experts from the Technical Services Group.
