PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATION CONCERNING SAFETY GLAZING MATERIALS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

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A. INTRODUCTION

The objective of this proposal is to develop a global technical regulation regarding glass of safety glazing materials. It will not contain provisions regarding new materials such as glass-plastics and plastic glazings. The GTR proposal was constructed on the basis of ECE Regulation No. 43, American National Standard for Safety Glazing Materials and Japanese Industrial Standard. It does not include type approval, plastic glazing and installation requirements. The main differences to ECE R 43 are mentioned in a preamble.

B. CURRENT STATUS

The working group of experts on safety glazing has worked out after six meetings a draft GTR "Proposal for a new Global Technical Regulation concerning Safety Glazing Materials for Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Equipment" (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2005/9) which was transmitted by the expert of Germany on account of the order TRANS/WP.29/2004/27 to GRSG and will be discussed on the 88th GRSG – meeting from April 18th to 22nd, 2005 under item 4.1. of the agenda. The working group consisted of glass experts from governmental administrations, test houses, glass industry and automotive organisations from different countries worldwide.

C. FUTURE STEPS

After discussion and agreement in GRSG the draft GTR will sent to WP.29 for voting.