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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 107

(M₂ and M₃ vehicles)

Transmitted by the experts from Norway and Sweden

Note: The text reproduced below was transmitted by the experts from Norway and Sweden in order to clarify that the space for wheelchair(s) should not be taken into account when the vehicle class is defined. The proposal is based on a document without a symbol (informal document No. GRSG-89-21) distributed during the eighty-ninth session of GRSG (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/68, para. 17). The modifications to the existing text of the Regulation (up to draft 02 series of amendments) are marked in **bold** characters.

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A. PROPOSAL

ALTERNATIVE 1

Paragraph 2.1.1.2., amend to read:

"2.1.1.2. "Class II": vehicles constructed principally for the carriage of seated passengers, and designed to allow the carriage of standing passengers in the gangway and/or in an area which does not exceed the space provided for two double seats. **The surface of wheelchair space(s) shall not be included.**"

ALTERNATIVE 2

Paragraph 2.1.1.2., amend to read:

"2.1.1.2. "Class II": vehicles constructed principally for the carriage of seated passengers, and designed to allow the carriage of standing passengers in the gangway and/or in an area which does not exceed the space provided for two double seats, **excluding wheelchair space(s).**"

B. JUSTIFICATION

In accordance with the current definition of Class II vehicles, these vehicles can only have space for one wheelchair. The problem arises when there is more than one wheelchair space foreseen in a Class II vehicle. Then the (available) area for standing passengers exceeds "the place provided for two double seats", which can lead to the conclusion that the bus is no longer a Class II vehicle, but should be regarded as a Class I vehicle.

It should be possible to have more than one wheelchair space in a Class II vehicle. It is considered that, Regulations should not discriminate disabled people. In principle, the wheelchair space should not be regarded as an area for standing passengers in the definition of a bus class.
