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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with Chapter III, Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) (TRANS/WP.29/690), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. PEDESTRIAN PROTECTION

(a) Flexible legform impactor

GRSP agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of new information by Japan regarding the studies in progress.

(b) Proposal for draft amendments to the (draft) global technical regulation

GRSP agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of the decision taken by WP.29 and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement (AC.3) during their November 2007 sessions.

3. HEAD RESTRAINTS

(a) Proposal for a global technical regulation

GRSP agreed to resume consideration of this subject on the basis of a revised document by the informal group taking into account the decision by WP.29 and AC.3 at the June 2007 sessions.

(b) Progress report

GRSP may wish to be informed about the progress made by the informal group.

4. DOOR LOCK AND RETENTION COMPONENTS

(a) Global technical regulation No. 1

GRSP may wish to resume consideration of this subject on the basis of the proposal by the United States of America to amend gtr No. 1.

5. SIDE IMPACT

(a) Exchange of views on side impact

GRSP agreed to resume discussion on this subject.

6. CRASH COMPATIBILITY

(a) Exchange of view on vehicle crash compatibility

GRSP may wish to consider the intention of France to develop a proposal for amendments to Regulation No. 94 as a possible basis for the development of a future gtr in the area of frontal impact (item 17(b) of this agenda).

7. HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL VEHICLES

(a) Subgroup on Safety (HFCV-SGS)

GRSP may wish to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of the proposal to develop the gtr on HFCV.

8. REGULATION No. 11 (Door latches and hinges)

(a) Alignment to gtr No. 1

GRSP agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of a proposal by the European Commission (EC).

9. REGULATION No. 14 (Safety-belt anchorages)

(a) ISOFIX anchorages

GRSP agreed to resume consideration of the proposal by Japan requesting the harmonization between ISOFIX and safety-belt anchorages on the static test forces. Furthermore, GRSP might wish to consider a revised proposal, jointly prepared by Germany, the Consumers International (CI) and the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) on the potential misuse of top tether anchorages for ISOFIX child restraint systems, if available.

(b) Mandatory fitting of safety-belt anchorages for Class II buses

GRSP agreed to resume consideration of a revised proposal concerning the mandatory fitting of safety-belt anchorages for Class II buses and the alignment of provisions of the Regulation with those of the corresponding EU Directive 2005/41/EC.

10. REGULATION No. 16 (Safety-belts)

(a) Proposal for draft amendments

GRSP may wish to resume consideration of a proposal by the European Association of Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA) regarding the alignment of the test of the Regulation with alternative standards. Furthermore, GRSP may wish to consider a proposal of corrigendum to the Regulation in order to harmonize the possible use of the standard rigid seat for restraint systems type approval test of ECE Regulation No. 16. Finally GRSP may wish to consider a proposal of corrigendum to the figure of Annex 8 of the Regulation by Japan.

(b) Mandatory fitting of safety-belts for Class II buses

GRSP agreed to resume consideration of a revised proposal concerning the mandatory fitting of safety-belt Class II buses and the alignment of provisions of the Regulation with those of the corresponding EU Directive 2005/40/EC.

11. REGULATION No. 29 (Cabs of commercial vehicles)

(a) Proposal for draft 03 series of amendments

GRSP might resume consideration of a proposal by the informal working group, if available, aimed at inserting into the Regulation new test methods for the different categories of vehicles.

12. REGULATION No. 44 (Child restraints)

(a) Proposal for draft amendments

GRSP might consider the terms of reference of a new informal group on the revision of Regulation No. 44 and in the meantime presentations from the expert of France, Australia and United States of America on this subject. Moreover, GRSP agreed to resume consideration regarding the increase of the horizontal plane requirement on the basis of a new document by CLEPA, if available. With regard to the colour code for the webbing route of universal child restraint, GRSP might consider a new proposal jointly prepared by Germany and CLEPA, if available.

13. DRAFT REGULATION ON SEAT COVERS

(a) Proposal for a new Regulation on accessory or replacement seat covers

GRSP agreed to review this issue on the basis of new information by the EC, if available.

14. Consideration of scopes and common definitions

(a) Draft amendments to Regulations Nos. 14 and 16

GRSP may consider a new consolidated proposal by France aimed at extending the use of child restraint systems on categories of vehicles other than M₁ and N₁.

15. REGULATION No. 17 (Strength of seats)

(a) Proposal for draft amendments

GRSP agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of a new proposal to align the provisions of the Regulation with those of the corresponding EU Directive 2005/39/EC, if available.

16. REGULATION No. 80 (Strength of seats)

(a) Proposal for draft amendments

GRSP might resume consideration of a revised proposal by Japan devised to introduce editorial corrections and to update the injury criteria in the dynamic test.

17. Regulation No. 94 (Frontal collision)

(a) Proposal for draft corrigendum

The GRSP agreed to resume consideration of this issue on the basis of a revised proposal jointly prepared by Japan, the Netherlands, EC and Germany.

(b) Proposal for draft amendments

GRSP agreed to resume its consideration on the basis of a proposal by France for draft amendments to Regulation No. 94 taking into account the outcome of the research on barriers carried out by the EEVC Working Group 15 "Crash compatibility".

18. Buses and coaches

(a) Frontal collision of buses and coaches

GRSP agreed for a mutual exchange of information on this subject also with experts from other Working Parties, awaiting a presentation from Spain concerning the results of the working plan commissioned by EEVC.

(b) Restraining of children travelling in buses and coaches

GRSP agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of the proposal by France (item 14(a) of this agenda).

(c) Safety of wheelchair users in buses and coaches

GRSP experts agreed to express their views on the development of requirements regarding this issue.

(d) Safety on board of sleeper coaches

GRSP agreed to resume consideration on this subject, waiting for a GRSG closer view of the issue in order to consider more appropriate solutions.

19. Other business

(a) Exchange of information on national and international requirements on passive safety

GRSP may wish to have an exchange of information about the ongoing national legislative developments on this subject.

(b) Rear impact assessment

GRSP might wish to have an exchange of information about the ongoing work progress. GRSP may also wish to resume consideration regarding the need to establish an informal group on whiplash dummies and dynamic tests.

(c) Election of officers

In compliance with Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.29/690), GRSP will elect the Chairperson for the sessions scheduled for the year 2008.
