OICA statement on the progress of the PMP programme

Following earlier statements to GRPE, OICA would like to inform GRPE of latest developments and has the following remarks concerning PMP:

- It remains increasingly difficult to comment on the practicality of the proposed PMP regulation due to the limited access to commercial PMP equipment. At the present time, only two instrument manufacturers can supply on a commercial basis (but with limited availability) PMP equipment;

- According to the first applications of PMP equipment in manufacturer’s premises, vehicle manufacturers have observed problems with the durability of the equipment. For example, the rotating disk device will wear and this requires replacement.

- The calibration of PMP equipment is conducted by the instrument suppliers themselves. This limitation will require either the rapid availability of instrument manufacturers to conduct re-calibration of PMP instrumentation when required by vehicle manufacturers or another more flexible solution;

- OICA still intends to conduct a PMP round-robin test program. Due to the delays in the availability and commissioning of PMP equipment, this test program is delayed. OICA can not start this test program before September 2008.