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**Consistency between the Convention on Road Traffic, 1968 and Vehicle
Technical Regulations**

The present document is circulated by the secretariat in the form it was received from Mr. Alexander Yakimov (Russian Federation).

Dear colleagues!

In answer to the letter of the Chairman of WP.29 Mr. Kisulenko I'd like to tell the following.

In my opinion, all the variants mentioned in the letter of Mr. Kisulenko need completing.

1. Suggestion of including to Convention the remark that the requirements, drew up by WP.29, may be the alternative to the technical requirements of Convention, in my opinion is unacceptable.

Convention is a foundational international document in the sphere of road traffic, so, it's impossible to include in it the provisions that fix the fact of contradiction between this and other international documents.

2. Suggestion to include the provision that refers to the Agreement of 1958 and to the Agreement of 1998 needs to be worked out more thoroughly and there is a necessity to determine if the certain requirements of these Agreements are in accordance or not. If there are any contradictions in the documents, the given reference would cause some problems in practice.

3. The acceptance of separate Agreement, completing the Convention, in the case of having all above mentioned documents, may complicate actual state of things.

4. In my opinion, it makes sense:

1) To suggest that WP.29 should formulate the list of certain technical requirements;

2) Together with WP.29 check into the matter, show the relationship between the requirements, worked out by WP.29, and ones of Convention;

3) It occurs rational that the most common, vital requirements should be left in the text of Convention or be included to the text (on condition of its absence in the text);

- 4) It also occurs rational to include the most particular requirements and the requirements which may be changed or completed in other documents, the new redaction of which may be accepted more fast and easily than the procedure of introduction of amendments to Convention;
- 5) To offer determining an optimal form of assignment of the requirements (Agreement of 1958, Agreement of 1998 or the new Agreement).

I hope, these reasons may be useful while regarding the proposals of WP.29.

Wish you a fruitful work and realization of all the plans.

Sincerely Yours,

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