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Notes on the 16th Session of the Informal Group on “ITS”

GENEVA, 14 November 2008

The meeting was chaired by Mr I. Yarnold (UK) and M. Shima (Japan).

Agenda item 1 : Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda in ITS-16-01 was adopted unchanged.

Agenda item 2 : Adoption of the Notes for the 15th Meeting

The notes in ITS-16-02 were adopted unchanged.

Mr. Yarnold reported on the WP.29 Special Session held on 4 June 2008 during the seventh European ITS Congress (WP.29-145-09).

Agenda item 3 : Brief review up to now

Dr. Hiramatsu of Japan made a presentation in ITS-16-04 to review the activities of the group since established, for the purpose of facilitating the understanding of the participants the following presentation by Mr. Burns of Canada. The presentation recalled the baseline idea and the common understanding on the ITS technologies which had been summarized by the group.

Agenda item 4 : Outline of draft Warning Principles developed by IHRA/ITS-WG

Mr. Burns, a chairman of IHRA-ITS Working Group, gave a presentation in ITS-16-05 on the basic concept of the high-priority warning system and the outline of the draft guidelines which had been developed in the Working Group (ITS-16-03).

Comments made by participants

CLEPA and OICA gave their views that the principle should be in line with the e-safety concept and it should not hamper the possibility of future technology development.

UK pointed out the necessity to sort out the warnings that was really important. In this context, the view was shown that drivers could recognize and understand the event easily and immediately by the warnings.

Some delegates emphasized the importance of the development of common concepts for some elements of the warnings including colors. In regard to this, it was noted that common views on the colors of the warnings were already recognized to some extent including the view that the red warnings indicated more dangerous situation than the amber warnings.

Q&A

Question: Are these principles already being considered in the discussion of ESOP?

Answer: The scope of the ESOP and the principles is different. The scope of the former is the information provision while the latter covers high-priority warnings. It is important to have common concepts by the principles on how to notify drivers of the danger of the events.

Agenda item 5 : Future tasks of the Informal Group on the Warning Principles

Mr. Shima expressed his intention to hold a few adhoc sessions composed of interested experts including GRRF experts to discuss the contents of the principles for further consideration at the next formal session of the ITS Informal Group to be held in November 2009. Since there was no objection to this idea, he wrapped up the session by the conclusion that he would notify the participants of the date of the adhoc session later on.

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