Proposal for draft amendments to Regulation No. 107 (M₂ and M₃ vehicles)

I. Proposal

Annex 8, paragraph 3.8.4.1.5., amend to read:

"3.8.4.1.5. a retractable handrail or any equivalent rigid device shall be fitted on the opposite side of the wheelchair space in order to restrict any lateral shift of the wheelchair and to allow the wheelchair user to grasp it easily."

II. Justification

A good method of ensuring the lateral stability of a rearward facing wheelchair is by restraining it with a flexible strap. The current text of Regulation n° 107 does not permit this possibility for rearwards facing wheelchairs which when it is resting against a support or backrest a strap can ensure the stability of the wheelchair from tip over or lateral movement.