

Report to WP29 - 157th session on “Environmentally Friendly Vehicles (EFV)”

In 156th session of WP29, India presented the Informal Document WP29-156-17, mentioning the suggested timeline for the development of the Preliminary report and the Finalization of the Report. It was intended to prepare the Preliminary Draft Report and to be sent to Task Force Group (TFG) for the comments to India and U.S. by June 15, 2012, so that the preliminary report shall be re-distributed to TFG members prior to 157th session of WP29.

Accordingly, India prepared the draft preliminary report which covered various aspects on EFV including EFV concepts, advancements in automotive technologies, engine development, alternate fuels, development in electric and hybrid electric vehicles, fuel cell vehicles, solar vehicles, air cars, advancement in fuel technology, policy innovation to advance EFVs with the possible solutions for addressing the issue of EFV evaluation.

Further, U.S. refined the existing areas and added more areas to the draft report such as advancement in transmission technology, aerodynamics, tire technology, consumer information labeling, quiet cars and EPA estimated effectiveness of various vehicle technologies. This report has been forwarded to all TFG members on May 6, 2012. This has been informed in the 64th GRPE session in Geneva in June 2012.

Comments were requested from all members by June 15, 2012; so as to review and include it in the preliminary report, before discussing the same at 5th IEFV conference scheduled from 10 – 12 September 2012 at Baltimore, USA. No specific comments have been received and hence, preliminary draft report is under preparation for discussion during 5th IEFV conference in Baltimore, USA.

Hold TFG meeting in conjunction with 5th IEFV conference to add the final chapter on conclusion to the preliminary report, creating the final report.

Next step would be to prepare report in the form of informal document to be presented in November session of WP29 for discussion and then final adoption in March, 2013 WP29 session.
