

Status of the Progress made by EFV Task Force Group on preparation of the report covering automotive technology progress on EFV since 2003 (EFV)

1. In the 157th session of WP29, India informed that, the Draft preliminary Report on the EFV progress had been prepared and circulated to all Task Force Group (TFG) members, for their comments and inputs, on 6th May 2012. This report captured the global scenario since 2003 on the various technological aspects including, vehicle design, powertrain, emission control devices, fuels and transmission. Inputs were received from Japan, OICA, Germany and EPA. After incorporating these inputs the report was again forwarded to TFG members prior to Fifth International EFV Conference.
 2. The fifth EFV Conference was held in Baltimore, Maryland, USA on September 10-12, 2012. Prior to the conference, the EFV Task Force determined that due to significant progress made in EFV development since 2003, the fifth EFV Conference would be an appropriate time to both reflect on this progress and set the state for the next developments in this area.
 3. Accordingly, the fifth EFV Conference focused on three main ideas which supported the overall conference theme of "Driving our Future Today".
 - (a) Need for continual technical innovation in the transport area,
 - (b) Identified areas to facilitate on-going investment in new technologies, and
 - (c) Identified ways to take advantage of every opportunity to meet transportation needs in a responsible way for future generations.
 4. Inputs were received from Germany and USA on the Progress Report. Germany highlighted the Research and Development activities in their country regarding technology and policy innovation to advanced EFVs. Additionally, Germany and USA provided the inputs on the conclusion of the 5th IEFV conference, which have been incorporated in the Progress Report. The Progress Report after updation was circulated to all Task Force Group members on 27th October 2012, for their views; so as to finalize and present the same at 158th session of WP29 (13-16 Nov 2012).
 5. Document on the EFV report with the title as "**Environmentally Friendly Vehicles and World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP. 29) 2003 – 2012, Ten Years of Progress and Future Trends**" is now put up to WP.29 for further necessary guidelines and action plan.
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