Proposal to correct the draft Supplement 1 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 25 (head restraints) (Document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2014/3)

I. Proposal

Paragraph 1.1., footnote 1, replace the OICA proposal as follows (see underlined additional words):

"1.1 The head restraints of category M1 vehicles which conform to the provisions of Regulation No 17 are not required to conform to the provisions of this Regulation. Seats of category M2 vehicles with a maximum mass exceeding 3,500 kg and of category M3 vehicles type approved according to Regulation No. 80 are not required to conform to the provisions of this Regulation."

II. Justification

OICA only very recently found out that its proposal ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2014/3 was not totally correct.

UN Regulation 80 indeed requires, in its Paragraph 5.5, the following:

"5.5. A head restraint shall be mounted on every outboard front seat in every vehicle of category M2 with a maximum mass not exceeding 3,500 kg.

This head restraint shall comply with the requirements of Regulation No. 25, as amended by the 03 series of amendments."

The suggested correction to the original OICA proposal therefore clarifies that the proposed exemption from the UN R25 requirements is only aimed at vehicles of category M2 exceeding 3,500 kg, and for vehicles of category M3.