Amendment proposals on Powered Two Wheelers (PTW) policies

Submitted by the Chair

This document, submitted by the WP.1 Chair, provides an update on the follow up to the round table on powered two wheelers which was held during the seventieth WP.1 session.
In accordance with the Conclusions of the PTW Round Table, held during the last session, the WP1 will continue to promote legal instruments falling within its mandate by addressing critical issues; and, in doing so, it will involve social actors, academia and other stakeholders.

The most beneficial approach might be to offer a more in-depth view on the best practices and legislation which could be usefully implemented at global level, with special emphasis on those areas where mobility still hinders the quality of life and the social growth, economic and administrative stability.

In this context, the WP1 board has applied to have a session on the second day of the Brasilia Conference, dedicated to the follow up of the Round Table. The objective in doing so is to provide an opportunity to invite Ministers and Government representatives, (and also qualified stakeholders) to make known their commitment and views on PTW.

PTW mobility is a very relevant issue for world regions which are having to cope with the fast pace of growing economies and commercial opportunities - as well as increasing networking mobility demand. For that reason since WP1 is the intergovernmental body administering the Consolidated Resolutions and the Conventions, it will actively participate in efforts to offer appropriate answers to the need for shaping safe mobility.

The gist of the March Conclusions is acting as a catalyst already, in a project involving SE Asia network of academic and governmental experts, led by IRTE College. The colleagues are already considering what data gathering, research and new policies will be needed to support the suggested Global level legal instruments and regulatory principles.

Regular meetings are being held across the SE Asia region, to devise a proposal for the next WP1 sessions with relevant amendments and updates for Consolidated Resolution RE1 and RE2.
**Title of parallel session:**

*Motorcycle safety – 19th of November 2015 (11:00 - 12:30)*

Subtitle: Road Safety Legal Instruments to Address Powered Two-Wheeler Safety policies.

**Goal of parallel session:** In the context of the volume of PTW Traffic in the Asia Region, and related already ongoing research studies and trial testing legislation, the benchmarked measures would guide to assess challenges and needs to cast a safe and reliable mobility on Powered Two Wheels vehicle in the frame of UN legal instruments. In particular, outcomes and findings would be merged in the documents to be tabled and discussed at UNECE level. The definite endorsed guidelines are going to be part of the Consolidated Resolutions as Annex, assessing practices and policies to be met to grant safe reliable PTW mobility Standards.

**Main issues/questions to be addressed during parallel session- as eventual questions to be addressed:**

More often than not, in low and middle income countries PTW are the family transport mean. How to assess and answer to this undeniable social aim?

1. Urban or extra-urban problem?
2. Could the social-educational background be deemed as meaningful drive for the mode choice, driving habit, risk/hazard taking?
3. Are dedicated policies already in place? Assessment/data?
4. Best envisaged policies (social, transport, educational) to address the urge and curb the fatalities number?
5. What are the guidelines your country would like to be highlighted in the UN legal Instruments context?
6. Would involving manufacturers and exploring technology potentialities be seen as a quick win in the process of shaping the ad hoc legislation?
7. In the context cross working and cooperative research program among the UN regions could be seen as a winning factor to develop a cohesive package of legislative and practical actions?

8. Would a PTW global dedicated event be welcomed and seen as a momentum to stage the problem and share practices?

9. Would designated regional Centers of Excellence be the way ahead to deepen research program to investigate criticalities and elaborate proposals to be taken into legislative global efforts?

10. Would (your) country act as a spear representative of the measures and good practices clustered in actualized Legal Instruments?

Potential Chairperson (minister or senior official):

Mrs. Molnar – UNECE Transport Division Director/ Mrs Iorio- Chairperson
UNECE WP1 Road Safety Forum

Name, title, organization, country, and reason for this nomination

Potential speakers to be invited (this does not prevent from seeking to invite in this session Ministers committed in motorcycle safety, namely from an Asian country and a Latin-American one):

Name, title, organization, country, and reason for this nomination

1. Mr. Mansour Elimane KANE (Minister of Transport) – Senegal

2. Mr. Joel Valmain – France

3. Dr. Jeff Michael, NHTSA, USA

4. Mr. Edwin Bastiaensen – IMMA

5. Dr. Rohit Baluja – IRTE, INDIA.

6. Dr. Chamaiparn Santikarn, WHO, SEARO

7. Dr. Eugenia Maria Rodriguez PAHO/WHO

8. Dr. Fernando Vasconcelos, Ministry of Labour, Brazil

9. Ms. Hilda Gomez, Banco de desarrollo de America latina (CAF)

Motivation: The speakers are involved in UN Fora in analytical approach for deploying apt road safety policies in relation to PTW (Powered Two Wheels). The mentioned researches and studies are socio behavioural and educational related, as well as focused on the conceptual investigation of the available technical advancements on PTW for a safer riding in different scenarios.