Proposal for Supplement 11 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 44 (Child restraint systems)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from France on behalf of the IWG ECRL. It introduces the amendments to UN Regulation No. 44 (Child Restraint System (CRS)) that were agreed upon by the experts of the Informal Working Group on Child Restraint Systems (IWG CRS). It limits the use of booster cushion (booster seat without backrest) to children of a stature greater than 125 cm and the application for type approval of such CRS only in mass Group III for children of mass from 22 kg to 36 kg: The modifications to the existing text of the UN Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2012–2016 (ECE/TRANS/224, para. 94 and ECE/TRANS/2012/12, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.
I. Proposal

*Insert a new paragraph 4.9.*, to read:

If the product is a booster cushion without backrest, the following label shall be permanently visible to someone installing the restraint in a vehicle:

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*Insert a new paragraph 6.1.13.*, to read:

"6.1.13. Booster cushion without backrest shall only be type approved as Child Restraint Systems of Group III as defined in paragraph 2.1.1.5. of this Regulation. (Mass range from 22 kg to 36 kg).”

II. Justification

1. The proposed amendment would limit the use of booster cushions (booster seats without backrest) to children taller than 125 cm and to limit their type approval according to UN Regulation No. 44 only to Group III.

2. Enhanced Child Restraint Systems from the booster seat category (booster seats with backrest) are included into the scope of UN Regulations Nos. 129 and No. 44 while booster cushions (booster seats without backrest) are excluded from the scope of UN Regulation No. 129.