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Consideration of technical regulations to be listed in the
Compendium of Candidates for global technical regulations, if any:
Listing Number 12: United States of America Environmental Protection Agency and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation Programmes for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles

Proposal for a five year extension in the Compendium of Candidates of listing No. 12

Submitted by the representative of the United States of America*

The text reproduced below is submitted by the representative of the United States of America to the Executive Committee (AC.3) of the 1998 Agreement for consideration. It contains a request to maintain in the Compendium of Candidates Listing Number 12 – United States of America Environmental Protection Agency and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation Programmes for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles. This request shall be voted in accordance to Article 7 of Annex B to the 1998 Agreement.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2016–2017 (ECE/TRANS/254, para. 159 and ECE/TRANS/2016/28/Add.1, cluster 3.1), 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.
1. The United States of America, as a Contracting Party to the 1998 Global Agreement, administered by the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), is requesting that the following technical regulation listed in the Compendium of Candidates Global Technical Regulations be extended for a period of 5 additional years:

   Listing Number 12 – United States of America Environmental Protection Agency and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation Programmes for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles

2. Reference is made in this respect to Article 5. paragraph 5.3.2. of the 1998 Agreement, which reads as follows:

   "5.3.2. at the end of the 5-year period following the regulation’s listing under this Article, and at the end of each subsequent 5 year period, unless the Executive Committee reaffirms, by an affirmative vote in accordance with paragraph 7.1. of Article 7 of Annex B, the listing of the technical regulation in the Compendium of Candidates"

3. The voting shall follow the procedure of Article 7 of Annex B to the Agreement, which reads as follows:

   "7.1. A national or regional regulation shall be listed in the Compendium of Candidates by an affirmative vote of either at least one-third of the total number of votes cast, whichever is more favourable to achieving an affirmative vote. In either case, the one-third shall include the vote of either the European Union, Japan or the United States of America, if any of them are Contracting Parties."