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Report of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety on its special session**I. Attendance**

1. The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) held its special session in Geneva from 3 to 4 May 2018, chaired by Ms. L. Iorio (Italy). Representatives of the following ECE member States participated: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

2. The representative of a non-ECE member State - Japan participated.

3. The following non-governmental organizations were also represented: European Transport Safety Council, Fédération, Federation of International Motorcycling (FIM), International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA), International Road Federation (IRF), Joint Research Centre, Scientific and Research Institute of Motor Transport (NIIAT), Toyota Research Institute and World Bicycle Industry Association (WBIA).

II. Adoption of the Agenda

4. WP.1 adopted the session's agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/S/164).

III. Automated driving**A. Vehicles with automated driving systems: the concept of activities other than driving**

5. WP.1 did not discuss Informal documents No.1 and No.4 and decided to revert to these documents at the next session. The French delegate in his capacity as the Chair of the Informal Group of Experts on Automated Driving informed WP.1 about the intention to

create a simplified document on the basis of the above-noted documents for the next session as ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/2/Rev.1.

B. Situations when a driver operates a vehicle from the outside of the vehicle

6. France, on behalf of Japan, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, informed WP.1 about the current status of ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/3. The work is ongoing and WP.1 delegates were – again - invited to provide written comments on this document to prepare ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/3/Rev.1 for the September 2018 session of WP.1.

C. Highly and fully automated vehicles

7. ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4/Rev.1 and Informal documents No. 2, No. 3, and No. 5 were tabled at this session. WP.1 significantly revised and almost completed discussions on ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4/Rev.1 based on the proposals in Informal document No. 5. The secretariat was requested to incorporate the agreed text into ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/4/Rev.1 and make the revised version available at the next session as a formal document in three official ECE languages. Given that virtually all content has been agreed upon, WP.1 expects adoption of this document at the next session.

IV. Other Business

8. The WP.1 Chair, one of two WP.1 Vice-Chairs (France), and the Finnish delegate in his capacity as the WP.1-WP.29 Ambassador briefed the Global Forum on the progress in organizing a joint WP.1-WP.29 session expected to take place in the last quarter of 2018 (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/163, para. 45). A preparatory meeting, between WP.1 and WP.29 delegates, had taken place on 2 May 2018 and discussion about enhancing communication, existing challenges and various other issues related to organizing the joint session (possible dates, agenda, topics) had been constructive. Another preparatory meeting is planned for 21 June 2018. The WP.1 Chair will continue to inform WP.1 about any new developments as they arise.

9. The secretariat informed WP.1 about Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (WP.29 GRE) interest in developing “special light-signalling for highly and fully automated vehicles”. For delegates wishing to obtain more detailed information, informal documents GRE-79-35 and GRE-79-36 may be obtained and consulted at www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gre/infpape_79.html.

10. The Chair (Ms. J. Lappin) of the “Automated Vehicle Symposium” which is planned for 9-12 July 2018 in San Francisco, made a presentation informing WP.1 about this event. Delegates were encouraged to participate and consult www.automatedvehiclessymposium.org for more details. WP.1 appreciated Ms. Lappin’s presentation and wished to be informed about the outcome of the symposium at the next session.

V. Date of next session

11. The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 18 to 21 September 2018 in Geneva.

VI. Adoption of the report of the Special session

12. The Working Party adopted the report of its Special session.
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