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#### **Consolidated Resolution on Road Traffic (R.E.1):**

**Policies for Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) and Powered Two Wheelers**

**(PTW): their impact in South-East Asia and other regions of the World**

**Submitted by Italy, United Kingdom, IMMA, IRTE and Johns Hopkins University**

This document, submitted by Italy, United Kingdom, IMMA, IRTE and Johns Hopkins University, provides an update on the work of informal group of experts created to investigate and assess VRU and PTW policies and their impact in South-East Asia.

## **Informal Group of Experts on Vulnerable Road Users and Powered Two-Wheelers**

### **Background:**

An Informal Group of Experts on Vulnerable Road Users and Powered Two-Wheelers was established during the Seventy-eighth Session of the Global Forum on Road Traffic Safety. This Informal Group will consider global safety needs of vulnerable road users along with the work completed to date on policy guidelines for vulnerable road users (Informal Paper #6, March 2019, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2018/6) and develop recommendations for future steps by the Working Party. The Informal Group was initiated with participation by Canada, Italy, UK, IMMA, IRTE, and Johns Hopkins University.

### **Status:**

The Informal Group will meet for the first time on September 16, 2019. Topics to be discussed include the following:

#### Vulnerable Road Users:

The Informal Group will be briefed by the representative from the IRTE on the findings of the 29-30 April, 2019 Workshop conducted in Delhi by the IRTE on the Transportation of School Children in India and South East Asia. The Group will consider adding comments or recommendations to the policy work being coordinated by the IRTE.

#### Powered Two Wheelers:

The Informal Group will consider opportunities for providing further policy guidance on the safety of powered two-wheelers in South East Asia and other regions where powered two- and three-wheelers (PTWs) are a prominent and essential form of mobility. Topics may include infrastructure, training, traffic management, and special considerations such as the risks inherent in transporting infants and small children on powered two-wheelers and of exceeding the seating and loading capacity of two-wheelers.

Opportunities to be discussed by the Group include the development of a research agenda that could inform officials who are developing safety policy in regions where two and three-wheelers are the most viable form of mobility for large segments of the population and safety improvements may need to be made in this context. As part of this discussion, the role of data collection and analysis in such a research agenda will be considered.

The Informal Group will give particular attention to potential engagement by the Global Forum in important policy discussions on vulnerable road users and powered two-wheelers at upcoming events including the Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety (19–20 February 2020) as well as dedicated two-wheeler safety conferences such as those planned in Barcelona (26th-27th November, 2019) and in Sweden (date still TBD, 2020).

This paper also extends the invitation to further experts of WP.1 delegations to join the discussions of the Informal Group.

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