How to secure delivery of ALKS new UN Regulation

Industry recommendation

Background
The GRVA ACSF informal working group is committed to deliver the ALKS new UN Regulation by March 2020, including both the requirements and certification tests. The 23rd session of ACSF IWG is planned late July.
In parallel, the UK is leading a task force to amend the Complex Electronics Annex of UN R79 in order to adapt the assessment/audit method to new ACSF functions like e.g. lane keeping or remote control parking. Around 20 work sessions have been held and a formal proposal will be presented at GRVA-04 session in September.
At the 3rd session of GRVA, the VMAD draft TORs were modified to additionally include the delivery of tests and assessment method of ALKS, for approval by WP.29.

Industry recommendation
Industry recommends, for efficiency reason, that the development of the ALKS tests and assessment methods remain the task of the ACSF IWG and of the CEL task force, respectively; both groups are currently fully operational and gather all required expertise to deliver on ALKS in due time.
In that context, the proposal is to delete paragraph 7 of the VMAD draft TORs (WP29-178-17), or possibly amend it to fit to the proposed recommendations as per above.
If WP29 confirms it is the task of VMAD IWG to deliver tests and assessment methods for ALKS, of course industry would implement the decision, e.g. by sending the right experts to the 3rd session of VMAD on 1st and 2nd of July and preparing concrete proposals. In this case industry highlights that the VMAD IWG would then mainly become an operational drafting group for ALKS, in order to meet the deadline of March 2020.