Request of clarification on the effect of GRPE/2017/02 (UN R83.07 Supplement 6)
Background (1):

Before Supplement 6, paragraph 1.1. of UNR 83.07 read:

“1.1. This Regulation shall apply to vehicles of categories M1, M2, N1 and N2 with a reference mass not exceeding 2,610 kg.

At the manufacturer's request, type approval granted under this Regulation may be extended from vehicles mentioned above to M1, M2, N1 and N2 vehicles with a reference mass not exceeding 2,840 kg and which meet the conditions laid down in this Regulation.”

The content of GRPE/2017/02 was:

“Paragraph 1.1., amend to read:

"1.1. This Regulation...

... At the manufacturer's request, type approval granted under this Regulation may be extended from vehicles mentioned above to special purpose vehicles of categories M1, M2, N1 and N2 regardless of their reference mass. The manufacturer shall demonstrate to the Type Approval Authority which granted the type approval that the vehicle in question is a special purpose vehicle.””
Background (2):

- Sadly this document provides two possible interpretations of it’s intent:
  - a) That the new (bold) text replaces the existing second paragraph. i.e. that extensions to vehicles with a reference mass greater than 2610 kg are only permissible for special purpose vehicles, or
  - b) That the new (bold) text is added after the existing second paragraph. i.e. that extensions are permissible to all vehicles with a reference mass greater than 2610 kg and less than or equal to 2840 kg and for special purpose vehicles without an upper limit.

- No consolidation has been published by the UN-ECE but the EU has published a consolidation in the Official Journal of the EU.

- The Russian Federation, who were authors of the original document (GRPE/2017/02) confirm that their intent was scenario b) described above.
Proposal:

OICA proposes to record in the minutes of GRPE that the correct understanding of paragraph 1.1. as amended by Supplement 6 is:

“1.1. This Regulation shall apply to vehicles of categories M1, M2, N1 and N2 with a reference mass not exceeding 2,610 kg.

At the manufacturer's request, type approval granted under this Regulation may be extended from vehicles mentioned above to M1, M2, N1 and N2 vehicles with a reference mass not exceeding 2,840 kg and which meet the conditions laid down in this Regulation.

At the manufacturer's request, type approval granted under this Regulation may be extended from vehicles mentioned above to special purpose vehicles of categories M1, M2, N1 and N2 regardless of their reference mass. The manufacturer shall demonstrate to the Type Approval Authority which granted the type approval that the vehicle in question is a special purpose vehicle.”