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Dear Mr Ramos-Garcia,

Subject: Draft Regulation on replacement wheels (TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/2002/22)

The abovementioned subject was raised at the 134th session of WP29, where it was agreed that "the draft Regulation on replacement wheels would be re-inserted in the GRRF programme" (TRANS/WP.29/1037, para. 21), having been on and off the agenda of GRRF for a couple of years, pending "a clear signal by the European Union Member States that they would support this new Regulation" (TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/52, para 51).

Prior to the proposal appearing on the agenda of WP29, the European Commission is not in a position to oblige Member States of the European Union to express an opinion on this matter.

However, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposal for a draft Regulation on replacement wheels (TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/2002/22):

- should be placed on the agenda of the 57th session of GRRF (31 January 4 February), in accordance with the agreement at the 134th session of WP29;
- is technically complete, as recorded in the report of the 52nd session of GRRF, and should not require further technical discussion; and,
- should be forwarded by GRRF to WP29 for consideration.

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