

Proposal for the Terms of Reference of the informal group on fuel quality

1. The WP.29 Round Table on Fuel Quality, held on 15 November 2007, clearly showed that there is a close link between the market fuel quality and the emissions of pollutants from motor vehicles. It was recognized that a further reduction of emissions through more stringent emission regulations requires more advanced emission control technologies, which drives the crucial need for improved fuel quality.
2. The goal for the establishment of the informal group is to contribute to environmental protection, specifically to the reduction of air pollution.
3. The informal group shall develop recommendations on market fuel quality to enable that vehicles, which were tested in conformity with the UN regulations or other equivalent regulations and using specific reference fuels for the tests, use in their daily service fuels with specific characteristics relating to the vehicle emission levels and technology type.
4. These recommendations should enable that vehicles in use fulfil during their service life the same performance level as during their certification procedure with regard to the emission of gaseous pollutants and particles.
5. The discussion shall be aimed at:
 - (a) agreeing on fuel specifications as a WP.29 guideline and
 - (b) adopting fuel specifications in connection to UN vehicle emissions regulations.
6. The mandate for the informal group shall be limited, in a first step, to until November 2010.

Proposal for Rules of Procedure

1. The informal group is open to all participants of GRPE. A limitation of the number of participants from any country and organization to participate in the informal group is actually not foreseen.
2. A Chairperson and a Secretary will govern the informal group.
3. The official language of the informal group will be English.
4. All documents and/or proposals shall be submitted to the Secretary of the group in a suitable electronic format in advance of the meeting. The group may refuse to discuss any item or proposal which has not been circulated 10 working days in advance.
5. An agenda and related documents will be circulated to all members of the informal group at least two weeks in advance of all scheduled meetings.
6. The process will pursue consensus. When consensus can not be reached, the Chairperson of the group shall present the different points of view to GRPE.
7. The progress of the informal group will be reported to GRPE orally or as an informal document by the chairperson or another participant of the group.
8. All working papers should be distributed in digital form. A specific website has been created at: <http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29grpe/fq01.html>.