Hungarian delegate thoughts about the further work of the SDWEE informal group

(presented by the Chair on behalf of the Hungarian delegate)

- 1. Just a small remark: the document reference numbers (after renumbering) are not the same in the report and on the website. In certain cases I can not identify the documents.
- 2. I presented 4 documents to the group before, I think two of them could be relevant to the further work: SDWEE -01-03 "Usability of emergency exits" and SDWEE-02-04 "Improving the requirements of bus emergency exits" (you mentioned this one as a reference document to the following work)
- 3. All my thoughts and proposals are concentrated on the emergency exits (EE) even when I am talking about service doors or windows. Of course I am not against to change their own requirements, if necessary.
- 4. In R.107 the EE's requirements are grouped as follows: types of EEs; their required numbers; location of EE's; required minimum numbers; required access to EEs; operational requirements; marking of EEs, instructions to their use. All of these items should be reconsidered in the light of the new approach.
- 5. The present, existing approach to the EE's requirements is good, but two essential things are missing:
 - It is assumed that the bus is standing on its wheels. The possible major post-accident situations are not considered, but they should be.
 - It is assumed that the usability of the different EE types of different bus categories in different post-accident situations are identical. It is not true, the usability of EEs should be specified and considered.
- 6. These two important new aspects have influence on all the requirements listed in paragraph 4.
- 7. The usability should be a technically specified term; otherwise the Technical Services can not use it. There are many possibilities to specify it; one way is shown in the document SDWEE- 01 -03. (see para. 5-7) Just an example: a breakable emergency window above our head, when the bus is lying on its side is not a usable EE.
- 8. The required number of EEs should be given in the following way: "Every bus (passenger compartment) shall have at least X usable EEs in the main post-accident situations specified in para. xy." Example is given in the document SDWEE-01-03. (see para. 8-9)
- 9. When specifying the required access to an EE in different post-accident situations, it is not enough to describe the geometry of a "tube", the possible motion of the passengers should be also considered: where can they stand, how they can move in the "tube", how they can grasp and climb, etc.
- 10. The importance of the windscreen and the rear window as EE shall be underlined.