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Proposal for draft Supplement 5 to the 04 series of amendments to Regulation No. 44

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Spain on behalf of the Technical Services Group (TSG) on Regulation No. 44. It aims to improve manufacturer's declarations of child restraints systems. The modifications to the current text of Regulation are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2010–2014 (ECE/TRANS/2010/8, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

I. Proposal

Paragraph 5.4.1.1., the footnote ¹, amend to read:

"¹ **The distinguishing numbers of the Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement are reproduced in Annex 3 to Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3), document TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.2.**"

Paragraphs 6.1.5. and 6.1.6., amend to read:

- "6.1.5. The child restraint manufacturer has to declare in written form **and has to provide evidence in the form of a test report** that the toxicity of materials used in the manufacture of restraint systems and accessible to the restrained child is in conformity with the relevant parts of CEN Safety of Toys EN 71 part 3 (~~June 1982~~). ² Tests confirming the validity of the declaration may be carried out at the discretion of the test authority. This paragraph does not apply to restraint devices of groups II and III.
- 6.1.6. The child restraint manufacturer has to declare in written form **and has to provide evidence in the form of a test report** that the flammability of **all** materials used to manufacture the restraint system is in conformity with the relevant paragraphs of the ECE Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3) (document **TRANS/WP29/78/Rev 2, paragraph 8.23.**). Tests confirming the validity of the declaration may be carried out at the discretion of the test authority."

II. Justification

Today a declaration is considered sufficient by technical services that do not ask for any evidence. This situation should be improved, since at the moment there is no way to verify compliance of such declarations. The submission of test reports that demonstrate compliance to specific requirements would avoid fake declarations.
