

DRAFT REPORT OF THE 29th SESSION OF THE IWG ON DETA

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Venue: Ministry of Energy, Tourism and Digital Agenda, Madrid
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Attendees: see Annex 1 to this draft report.

Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Approval of the draft minutes of the IWG on DETA 28th session.
3. State of play of the financing of DETA.
4. Further steps: (identifying donors, procurement, etc.).
5. Implementation of 'first step' (migration of existing TypMaster/DD system, administr., access rights, etc.).
6. AOB
 - Feedback from SG-58 23rd session;
 - Report to WP.29.
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1. Adoption of the agenda.

Document: DETA-29-01e.
The agenda is adopted.

2. Approval of the draft minutes of the IWG on DETA 28th session.

Document: DETA-29-02e.
The draft minutes are approved.

3. State of play of the financing of DETA.

The representative from the UNECE secretariat reports on the state of play of financing DETA as follows:

- the IWG on DETA explored many ways for financing DETA. For sound reasons it was decided to proceed with the regular budget;
- due to the successive budget cuts within the UN and due to UNECE management preferences, the decision was then taken to proceed by following the PBI (Programme Budgetary Implications) procedure;
- The UNECE Executive Committee (EXCOM) removed at its December 2016 session the entry related to DETA from the budget narrative for 2018-2019;
- ITC at its February 2017 session reiterated its support for hosting DETA at UNECE and requested its Chair to present at EXCOM the request of ITC so that UNECE secretariat allocate budget resources from the UN regular budget starting with the 2018-2019 biennium;
- At the March 2017 session of EXCOM, the Chair of ITC presented the request. EXCOM did not conclude on the way to finance DETA. The secretariat confirmed that UNECE did not have the necessary resources. Some member States supported the RB based solution while a member State, not CP to the 1958 Agreement, opposed to allocate RB for DETA and favoured other means to finance DETA.
- After the March 2017 session of EXCOM and further formal consultations, there was no change in the positions expressed. In the last round of informal consultations, the representative of EU drafted a compromise solution, proposing, as an interim solution, to start with an extra-budgetary solution and, in parallel, to seek ways for allocating regular budget resources for the next biennium, starting from the 2020/2021 regular budget. This proposal was not yet decided on.
- DETA is not on the agenda for the EXCOM June 2017 session.

4. Further steps: (identifying donors, procurement, etc.).

The UNECE secretariat is preparing a note for the June AC.2 and WP.29 session. The note will propose to include in DETA also the exchange of other documents than UNECE type-approvals, like compliance documentation. This will make DETA more attractive for member States not signatory to the 1958 Agr. WP.29 should then consider the solution of starting a project for donation. The donation is to cover the 'first

step' (using the existing TypMaster/DD system for only exchanging approval and compliance docs). EXCOM shall be requested to decide on this during its September session. The UNECE secretariat expects that DETA can be running two month after this decision.

The UNECE secretariat will confer with the EU Commission whether the Commission is willing to donate. Also the WP.29 delegates are appealed to investigate the possibility to donate.

A Trust Fund will be established for financing the development of the UI functionality and DoC. For the further annual running costs it is assumed that it will be covered by the regular 2020/2021 budget. The UNECE secretariat is tasked to undertake the appropriate activities for this.

OICA repeated that industry may also sponsor but only for the development of the UI functionality.

The IWG on DETA deliberates on 'back-up' solutions: a) approaching all individual member States for a donation request, b) all CP's signatory to the 1958 Agreement to pay an annual 'membership fee' and c) a 'user licence fee'. It's concluded that the latter involves development costs and all options will cause delay. Option b will be further explored as 'fall-back solution'.

Finally the IWG on DETA finds it's essential to maintain the discussion within EXCOM.

5. **Implementation of 'first step' (migration of existing TypMaster/DD system, administration, access rights, etc.).**

There is a different understanding within the IWG on DETA whether the current DETA system is to be considered as a 'test system' or can be used as an 'interim solution'. Germany will come back on this during the WP.29 June session.

It is agreed that for the 'first step' all CP's shall have access rights for the UNECE Regulations they apply. Also manufacturers shall get reading rights for their type-approvals. The Administrator from KBA will come back with the further details for the implementation of this.

The IWG on DETA regards it necessary that the CP's will be notified when DETA comes available. The user manual shall then be available.

Further discussion is on the necessity of uploading type-approvals which have been issued prior to the entry into force of Rev 3 to the 58 Agr. It is concluded that there is an added value but this cannot be obligated.

Finally, the IWG on DETA agrees that there is a significant benefit in merging DETA and ETAES. This need to be investigated in future.

6. **AOB**

- Feedback from SG-58 23rd session.

Mr. Secretary summarizes the outcome of the discussions within SG-58 23rd session and WP.29 March session as follows:

- WP.29 endorsed proceeding with the sole source procurement process for purchasing DETA.
- FR and the RF made a reservation on the proposal to use only English language for DETA.
- The 'Draft Guidelines for application of the Unique Identifier (UI)' had not been discussed. It will be on the agenda for the 16 June session. (See documents SG58-22-10-rev1 and SG58-03-04).
- There was a request from GTB/GRE to investigate the possibility for obligating the UI marking within the lighting regulations. GRE regards this essential for the 'Simplification work of the Lighting and Light-Signalling Regulations'. The reasoning for this is however not understood by the IWG on DETA. Mr. Secretary will remain in contact with GTB/GRE and forward the 'Draft guidelines for appl. of the UI'.

- Report to WP.29.

WP.29 June session is informed about, and requested to consider, the following issues:

- **Installation and operation of DETA at the UNECE for the 2018/2019 biennium**
 - DETA is an obligation for the UNECE and its CP's under Revision 3 of the 1958 Agreement;
 - EXCOM could not yet secure budget for DETA for the 2018/2019 biennium;
 - Current installation at KBA is considered only for test purposes and cannot be used for normal operation (licence fees are required);
 - For financing the 'first step' of DETA, the UNECE secretariat will confer with the EU Commission about a donation (45.000\$ required);
 - As a fall-back solution in case the latter doesn't succeed, a 'membership fee' for CP's signatory to the 1958 Agreement may be established to generate budget. This could also become the financing scheme for 2019 (unless EU would fund both years);

- The WP.29 delegates are also appealed to investigate the possibility to donate.
- Development of DETA
 - Required finances for further development are expected to be: UI 100.000 € and DOC about 200.000 €
 - Negotiations within industry to find funding for the UI functionality took place. So far only one party is ready to commit itself but under the condition that other parties also contribute;
 - When deciding on the proposal to use only English language for DETA, the consequences need to be considered. A multilingual system will have considerable impact on the development costs.
- Operation of DETA from 2020
 - The UNECE secretariat is tasked to find a solution for financing DETA by the regular budget.

7. Next meetings.

- Informal Group DETA, 9 November 2017, Geneva, (t.b.c.)
- depending on the outcome of the EXCOM September session an additional meeting may be necessary soon after. Mr. Secretary will then inform about the date, venue and further details.

Before closing the meeting Mr. Chairman says a word of appreciation to Dr. Schramm (Daimler AG) for its very positive contributions, as he will retire soon.
