Proposal for amendments to the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations*

Note by the secretariat

The text reproduced below is based on ECE/TRANS/WP.29/690/Rev.1 with the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations. It is proposing an update to the rules of procedures part of the document, aimed at taking into account the decision made during the June 2018 session of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) related to the conversion of the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear into the Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles and the consecutive redistribution of several work items. The adoption of this document would rename the "Working Party on Noise (GRB)" as "Working Party on Noise and Tyres (GRBP)". The proposed amendments to Rules 35 and 37 are clarification for consistency reasons prepared by the secretariat and kept in square brackets. The proposed modifications to the existing text are marked in bold for new or strikethrough for deleted characters.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2018–2019 (ECE/TRANS/274, para. 123 and ECE/TRANS/2018/21/Add.1, Cluster 3.1), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update UN regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.
I. Proposal

[Rule 35, amend to read:

"Rule 35

Subsidiary bodies of WP.29 shall act within the Terms of Reference of WP.29 and apply the Rules of Procedure of WP.29, as appropriate." ]

[Rule 37, amend to read:

"Rule 37

Each subsidiary body of WP.29 shall, at the end of its last session of each year, elect from the experts accredited by participants, as defined in Rule 1(a), a Chairperson, and, if desired, 2-Vice-Chairpersons."]

Annex 2, amend to read:

"Annex 2

Subsidiary bodies of WP.29

Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)
Working Party on General Safety Provisions (GRSG)
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)
Working Party on Automated/Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (GRVA)
Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE)
Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)
Working Party on Noise and Tyres (GRBP)"

II. Justification

1. The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures of WP.29 should be updated to reflect the decision of WP.29 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1139, para. 33) with regards to GRVA.

2. The proposed modification to Rule 35 is a clarification and already implicitly in application.

3. The proposed modification to Rule 37 is proposing an alignment with Rule 13.

4. The list of Working Parties in Annex 2 is updated. This update reflects the decision (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1139, para. 33) and the discussion regarding GRB that should be renamed Working Party on Noise and Tyres (GRBP) and for which no formal decision was recorded in the report.