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I. PROGRAMME OF WORK

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.3: CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES

**02.3.1. Regulations for the construction of vehicles Priority: 1**

Description: The Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles (WP.29) will develop regulations and recommendations for motor vehicle equipment and parts and update the existing ones including the relevant activities aimed at improving road transport safety, saving energy and taking into account the protection of the environment.

Work to be undertaken:

- (a) In the framework of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions" (1958 Agreement), the Working Party will develop new and update the existing ECE Regulations in order to enhance performance of vehicles with respect to:
- (i) general safety provisions.
  - (ii) pollution and energy.
  - (iii) brakes and running gear.
  - (iv) lighting and light-signalling.
  - (v) noise.
  - (vi) passive safety.

(Continuing)

**Output expected by the end of 2000: Adoption of two new ECE Regulations and of fifty amendments to existing ECE Regulations.**

- (b) Harmonization of the ECE Regulations with the corresponding EC Directives concerning the construction of vehicles in order to achieve uniformity of requirements. (Continuing)

**Output expected by the end of 2000: Adoption of ten amendments to ECE Regulations in order to ensure alignment with updated EC Directives.**

- (c) Consideration of proposal(s) to develop a global agreement targeting the world-wide harmonization of vehicle and engine construction requirements. (1999)

**Output expected by the end of 1999: Entry of the Agreement into force and starting of the procedures related to the Compendium of Candidate Technical Regulations.**

- (d) Development of recommendations regarding the construction of vehicles (Consolidated Resolution R.E.3) with the aim of providing guidance with respect to requirements not covered by regulations. (Continuing)

Output expected by the end of 2000: Adoption of one new Recommendation and of one amendment to an existing Recommendation.

02.3.2. Rules on periodical technical inspections of vehicles Priority: 1

Description: After its entry into force, the Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles (WP.29) will develop rules for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles with respect to their environmental and safety performance and for the reciprocal recognition of the results of such inspections.

Work to be undertaken:

In the framework of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles and the reciprocal recognition of such inspections" (after its entry into force), the Working Party will develop ECE Rule(s) for inspections of vehicles:

- (i) with regard to environmental performance
- (ii) with regard to safety performance

(Continuing)

Output expected by the end of 2000: Entry of the Agreement into force and adoption of the first Rule to be annexed to the Agreement.

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II. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES AND OF ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES FOR 1999 \*/

<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. of half-days</u>
Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)	thirty-seventh	12 - 15 January (p.m./a.m.)	6
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)	forty-fifth	1 - 5 February (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Noise (GRB)	thirtieth	22 - 25 February (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	sixty-ninth	8 March	2
Working Party (WP.29) and Administrative Committee (AC.1)	one-hundred-and-seventeenth eleventh	9 - 12 March	8
Working Party on Light. and Light-Signal. (GRE)	forty-second	29 - 31 March	6
Working Party on Gen. Safety Provisions (GRSG)	seventy-sixth	19 - 23 April (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)	twenty-fifth	3 - 7 May (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)	thirty-eighth	25 - 28 May (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	seventieth	21 June	2
Working Party (WP.29) and Administrative Committee (AC.1)	one-hundred-and-eighteenth twelfth	22 - 25 June	8
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)	forty-sixth	13 - 15 September	6
Working Party on Noise (GRB)	thirty-first	16 and 17 September	4
Working Party on Light. and Light-Signal. (GRE)	forty-third **/	4 - 8 October (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Gen. Safety Provisions (GRSG)	seventy-seventh	25 - 28 October (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	seventy-first	8 November	2
Working Party (WP.29) and Administrative Committee (AC.1)	one-hundred-and-nineteenth thirteenth	9 - 12 November	8
Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)	twenty-sixth	29 Nov.- 2 Dec.(p.m./a.m.)	6
		<b>Total</b>	<b>108 half-days (54 days)</b>

\*/ [To be held in Lippstadt, Germany]

\*/ The sessions marked "(p.m./a.m.)" will begin in the afternoon, at 2.30 p.m. on the indicated date and will be closed at 12.30 p.m. on the indicated date. Sessions not marked start at 9.30 a.m. on the indicated date and are expected to last until 5.30 p.m. on the indicated date.

The sessions of WP.29/AC.2 begin at 10 a.m. on the indicated date.

The sessions of WP.29 proper begin at 10 a.m. on the indicated date.

(The sessions of AC.1 are expected to be held on Wednesdays, towards the end of the afternoon, during WP.29 sessions).

**Notes:** Inland Transport Committee, sixty-first session: 8-11 February 1999; (ITC Bureau: 12 February 1999);  
Geneva Motor Show, Palexpo: 11-21 March 1999; (Press days: 9 and 10 March 1999);  
Economic Commission for Europe, fifty-fourth session: 20-22 April 1999.