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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-FIFTH SESSION^{1 2}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 14.30 h on Tuesday, 20 February 2007
and concluding at 17.30 h on Thursday, 22 February 2007

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I. INFORMAL MEETINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GRB SESSION PROPER

- (a) Informal meeting of the GRB working group on an improved noise test measurement method for motorcycles

To be held on Tuesday morning, 20 February 2007, from 9.30 h till 12.30 h. The agenda of the meeting will be prepared by the secretariat of the informal group and distributed to the members of the group prior to the meeting. Note: This meeting will be held without interpretation.

- (b) Informal meeting of the GRB working group on additional sound emission provisions (ASEP)

The ASEP informal group will meet after the GRB session proper at a suitable time depending on the progress of the GRB work. The duration of the ASEP meeting is expected to be one day. The agenda of the meeting will be prepared by the secretariat of the informal group and distributed to the members of the group prior to the meeting.

II. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
2. 1958 AGREEMENT: AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING UNECE REGULATIONS
 - 2.1. Regulation No. 41 - (Noise of motorcycles)
 - 2.1.1. Development ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, paras. 3 and 4
 - 2.2. Regulation No. 51 – (Noise of M and N categories of vehicles) ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, para. 5
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2007/2
 - 2.2.1. Development ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1056, paras. 54, 61, 85
 - 2.2.1.1. New sound limit values ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, para. 8
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2006/2
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/2006/4
GRB-43-4
 - 2.2.1.2. Proposal for interim amendments to the Regulation ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, para. 9
GRB-42-13
 - 2.2.1.3. Additional sound emission provisions (ASEP) ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, paras. 10 and 11
 - 2.2.2. Stationary test for four-wheelers ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, para. 12
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| 2.3. | <u>Regulation No. 59</u> - (Replacement silencing systems) | ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, para. 13 |
| 2.4. | <u>Regulation No. 117</u> - (Tyre rolling noise) | |
| 2.4.1. | <u>Extension of the scope of the Regulation to retreaded tyres</u> | ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, para. 14 |
| 2.4.2. | <u>Corrigendum 2 to the Regulation</u> | ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRRF/60, para. 36
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2007/8 |
| 3. | 1997 AGREEMENT: AMENDMENTS TO RULE No. 1 | ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, para. 15 |
| 4. | 1998 AGREEMENT: ELABORATION OF A NEW GTR ON NOISE | ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, paras. 16 and 17
ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1056, para. 118 |
| 5. | EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON NOISE LEVELS | ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, para. 18 |
| 6. | EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON VEHICLE NOISE REDUCTION CALCULATION METHODS | ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, para. 19 |
| 7. | INFLUENCE OF ROAD SURFACE ON TYRE ROLLING SOUND EMISSIONS | ECE/TRANS/WP.29/GRB/42, paras. 20 to 22 |
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III. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with Chapter III, Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. 1958 AGREEMENT: AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING UNECE REGULATIONS

2.1. Regulation No. 41 - (Noise of motorcycles)

2.1.1. Development

GRB may wish to be informed by the Chairman of the informal group on an improved test measurement method for motorcycles about the results of its eighth session. The Chairman will also inform GRB on the conclusions on the testing program data analysis.

2.2. Regulation No. 51 – (Noise of M and N categories of vehicles)

GRB agreed to consider a proposal by the Russian Federation on the introduction of noise reduction system durability requirements into the Regulation.

2.2.1. Development

The Chairman will inform GRB about the adoption of the new noise test measurement method by WP.29 and AC.1 at their November 2006 sessions.

2.2.1.1. New sound limit values

GRB agreed to consider the proposals by the GRB informal group, OICA and the Netherlands, taking into account the adopted amendments to the Regulation by WP.29 and AC.1 at their November 2006 sessions.

2.2.1.2. Proposal for interim amendments to the Regulation

GRB agreed to consider the proposal by the Netherlands.

2.2.1.3. Additional sound emission provisions (ASEP)

GRB may wish to be informed by the Chairman of the informal group about the results of the group's fifth meeting, held in the Hague from 8 to 10 November 2006, and advise the informal group on the pending issues that could not be solved within the informal group.

2.2.2. Stationary test for four-wheelers

GRB agreed to consider an updated proposal by ISO aligning the current stationary vehicle noise test requirements of the Regulation with those provided in ISO/FDIS 5130.

2.3. Regulation No. 59 - (Replacement silencing systems)

GRB might wish to consider an updated proposal by CLEPA, if available, for the revision of the current text of Regulation No. 59, taking into account the adopted amendments to Regulation No. 51 by WP.29 and AC.1 at their November 2006 sessions as well as further development of ASEP provisions.

2.4. Regulation No. 117 - (Tyre rolling noise)

2.4.1. Extension of the scope of the Regulation to retreaded tyres

GRB might wish to consider a new proposal by BIPAVÉR, if available.

2.4.2. Corrigendum 2 to the Regulation

GRRF adopted the proposal for Corrigendum 2 to the Regulation at its sixtieth session and submitted it to WP.29 and AC.1 for consideration at their March 2007 sessions, and to GRB for information.

3. 1997 AGREEMENT: AMENDMENTS TO RULE No. 1

GRB agreed to take a decision on the need to amend Rule No. 1.

4. 1998 AGREEMENT: ELABORATION OF A NEW GTR ON NOISE

GRB agreed to resume consideration of this subject. AC.3 agreed at its November 2006 session to continue the exchange of views in the light of the experience gained during the transitional period of application of the amended Regulation No. 51 (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1056, para. 118).

5. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON NOISE LEVELS

GRB might wish to be informed about development of national and international requirements on noise levels.

6. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON VEHICLE NOISE REDUCTION CALCULATION METHODS

GRB might wish to exchange views on vehicle noise reduction calculation methods.

7. INFLUENCE OF ROAD SURFACE ON TYRE ROLLING SOUND EMISSIONS

GRB expects to see a presentation by the expert from Germany on the subject as well as a presentation by the expert from World Road Association (PIARC) on road pavement classification and available low-noise pavement technologies.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

GRB might wish to consider any new subject on its agenda.

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