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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

2. PEDESTRIAN PROTECTION (gtr)

(a) Flexible legform impactor

GRSP agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of new information by Japan regarding the studies in progress.

(b) Proposal for draft amendments to the (draft) global technical regulation

GRSP agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of the decision taken by WP.29 and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement (AC.3) during their November 2008 sessions.

3. HEAD RESTRAINTS (gtr)

(a) Proposal for draft amendments to global technical regulation No. 7 (Head restraints)

GRSP agreed to resume consideration of this subject on the basis of the decision taken by WP.29 and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement (AC.3) during their November 2008 sessions.

4. DOOR LOCKS AND DOOR RETENTION COMPONENTS (gtr)

(a) Proposal for draft amendments to the global technical regulation No. 1 (Door locks and door retention components)

GRSP may wish to resume consideration of this subject on the basis of the proposal by the expert from the United States of America to amend gtr No. 1 and to consider the proposals from the experts of Japan, the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) and of the European Community.

5. SIDE IMPACT

(a) Exchange of views on side impact

GRSP agreed to resume discussion on this subject.

6. CRASH COMPATIBILITY

- (a) Exchange of view on vehicle crash compatibility

GRSP may wish to consider further proposals on this subject, if any.

7. HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL VEHICLES

- (a) Subgroup on Safety (HFCV-SGS)

GRSP is expected to be informed about the results of the fourth meeting of the subgroup on safety held in Tokyo on 24-26 September 2008.

8. REGULATION No. 11 (Door latches and hinges)

- (a) Alignment to gtr No. 1 (Door locks and door retention components)

GRSP agreed to continue consideration on this subject on the basis of the proposals tabled by the expert of the European Commission (EC).

9. REGULATION No. 12 (Steering wheel)

- (a) Proposal for draft amendments

GRSP might wish to consider a new proposal tabled by the expert from India, if available.

10. REGULATION No. 14 (Safety-belt anchorages)

- (a) ISOFIX anchorages

GRSP may wish to continue consideration of the proposal of the expert from Germany concerning identification markings of upper tether anchorages, pending clarifications from the expert of the United States of America on voluntary industry standards. Furthermore, GRSP agreed to consider the proposal, from the same expert, in order to clarify whether ISOFIX positions are required on vehicle types often referred to as 2+2 seat.

11. REGULATION No. 16 (Safety-belts)

- (a) Proposal for draft amendments

GRSP may wish to consider the proposal tabled by the expert from Japan in order to introduce a few corrections to Supplement 1 to the 05 series of amendments to Regulation No. 16.

12. REGULATION No. 17 (Strength of seats)

(a) Proposal for draft amendments

GRSP might wish to continue consideration on this subject on the basis of a new proposal voluntarily prepared by the expert from India, if available.

(b) Alignment to the gtr No. 7 (Head restraints)

GRSP agreed to continue consideration of the proposal tabled by the EC expert in order to transpose the draft gtr on head restraints into Regulation No. 17. GRSP also agreed to consider a proposal tabled by the expert from Japan intended to allow Contracting Parties to transpose into their national or regional law alternative test procedures for the dynamic assessment of head restraints.

13. REGULATION No. 21 (Interior fitting)

(a) Proposal for draft amendment

GRSP agreed to continue consideration on this subject on the basis of a new proposal voluntarily prepared by the expert from India, if available.

14. REGULATION No. 22 (Protective helmets)

(a) Safety helmets assessment and rating programme (SHARP)

GRSP might wish to consider a presentation tabled by the expert from the United Kingdom on the first results of the safety helmet assessment and rating programme (SHARP) as agreed by WP.29 at its June 2008 session.

15. REGULATION No. 29 (Cabs of commercial vehicles)

(a) Proposal for draft 03 series of amendments

GRSP is expected to be informed about the results of the second meeting of the informal group on cab strength held in Paris on 11 September 2008.

16. REGULATION No. 44 (Child restraints)

(a) Proposal for draft amendments

GRSP is expected to be informed about the work progress of the informal group on the revision of Regulation No. 44.

17. REGULATION NO. 94 (Frontal collision)

(a) Proposal for draft corrigendum

GRSP agreed to continue consideration of the proposal prepared by the expert from Japan in order to correct the text of Annexes 3, 5 and 10 of Regulation No. 94.

(b) Proposal for draft amendments

GRSP is expected to be informed about the results of the second meeting of the informal group on frontal impact held in Paris on 6 October 2008.

18. DRAFT REGULATION ON SEAT COVERS

(a) Proposal for a new Regulation on accessory or replacement seat covers

GRSP agreed to review this issue on the basis of new information by the EC expert, if available.

19. BUSES AND COACHES

(a) Frontal collision of buses and coaches

GRSP agreed for a mutual exchange of information on this subject also with experts from other Working Parties, awaiting a presentation from Spain concerning the results of the working plan commissioned by EEVC.

(b) Restraining of children travelling in buses and coaches

GRSP agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of the proposal tabled by the expert from Spain.

(c) Safety of wheelchair users in buses and coaches

GRSP experts agreed to express their views on the development of requirements regarding this issue.

(d) Safety on board of sleeper coaches

GRSP agreed to resume consideration on this subject on the basis of the decision taken by the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety on its fifty-fifth session.

20. PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 100 (Construction and functional safety of battery electric vehicles)

GRSP is expected to be informed about the results of the last meeting of the informal group on Electric Safety (ELSA).

21. COLLECTIVE AMENDMENTS

(a) Regulations Nos. 12, 32 and 33 - Proposal for draft amendments to plywood specifications for crash test barriers

GRSP might wish to continue consideration on this subject on the basis of a new proposal prepared by the expert from India in order to correct the tolerances of the plywood thickness for crash test barriers in Regulations Nos. 12, 32 and 33, if available.

22. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In compliance with Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.29/690), GRSP will elect the Chairperson for the sessions scheduled for the year 2009.

23. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Exchange of information on national and international requirements on passive safety

GRSP may wish to have an exchange of information about the ongoing national legislative developments on this subject.
