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to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva
starting at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 1 September 2009
and concluding at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 September 2009

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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 WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690 and ECE/TRANS/WP.29/690/Amend.1), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

2. REGULATION No. 41 - (NOISE OF MOTORCYCLES)

GRB may wish to be informed about the development of the improved noise test measurement method for motorcycles and may wish to have a final review of the proposal from the informal group to amend the Regulation. Consideration of the indication of the stationary noise limit value and its possible marking should continue.

3. REGULATION No. 51 – (NOISE OF M AND N CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES)

(a) Development

GRB agreed to continue consideration of the development of the Regulation and to go forward in a two-step approach. GRB may wish to consider a proposal by the expert from the International Standardization Organization (ISO) with regard to the short-term solution, if available.

(b) New sound limit values

GRB may wish to be informed by the expert from the European Commission about the results of two-year monitoring process.

(c) Additional sound emission provisions (ASEP)

GRB may wish to consider proposals to amend the Regulation transmitted by the informal group on ASEP and by the expert from the Netherlands.

4. REGULATION No. 59 - (REPLACEMENT SILENCING SYSTEMS)

GRB agreed to resume its consideration of an updated proposal by the expert from the European Association of Automobile Suppliers (CLEPA) to include into the Regulation requirements on silencers or components filled with absorbing materials.

5. REGULATION No. 92 - (REPLACEMENT EXHAUST SILENCING SYSTEMS (RESS) FOR MOTORCYCLES)

GRB may wish to consider a proposal by the expert from the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA) similar to that for Regulation No. 59, taking into account the latest amendments proposed for Regulation No. 41.

6. REGULATION No. 117 - (TYRES ROLLING NOISE AND WET GRIP ADHESION)

Following the decision by the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) and the endorsement by WP.29 at its November 2008 session, GRB may wish to consider a new proposal jointly prepared by the experts from the European Commission and the European Tyre and Rim Technical Organization (ETRTO), for the insertion into Regulation No. 117 of new provisions to mandate the indication, in the type approval communication form, of the tyre rolling resistance coefficient, if available.

7. COLLECTIVE AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS Nos. 41 (NOISE OF MOTORCYCLES), 51 (NOISE OF M AND N CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES) AND 59 (REPLACEMENT SILENCING SYSTEMS)

GRB may wish to consider a proposal by expert from the Netherlands to harmonize in the Regulations the use of the terms "noise", the "sound" and "silencer", if available.

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

GRB welcomes any information received from its experts about the development of national and international requirements on noise levels.

9. INFLUENCE OF ROAD SURFACE ON TYRE ROLLING SOUND EMISSIONS

GRB agreed to continue consideration of this matter and welcomes any information received from its experts on the influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions.

10. MINIMUM SOUND LIMIT VALUES FOR SILENT VEHICLES

GRB may wish to consider a proposal by the expert from the United States of America for the Terms of Reference of the new informal group on this subject, if available.

11. ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY VEHICLES (EFV)

GRB may wish to be informed by the Secretary of the EFV informal group about the progress made on the feasibility statement to develop a measurement procedure and an evaluation method for EFV.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In compliance with Rule 37 of the Rules of Procedure (TRANS/WP.29/690 and Amend.1), GRB will elect the Chairperson for the sessions scheduled for the year 2010.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Clarifications regarding Regulation No. 28 (Audible warning devices)

GRB agreed to resume its consideration of a clarification regarding Regulation No. 28.

(b) GRB might wish to consider any other subject on its agenda.
