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starting at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 15 February 2010
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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. 28 - (AUDIBLE WARNING DEVICES)

GRB agreed to consider a proposal by China to amend the sound pressure requirements for audible warning devices.

3. 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 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 on the basis of a proposal jointly prepared by the experts from France and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), if available.

4. REGULATION No. 51 - (NOISE OF M AND N CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES)

(a) Development

GRB agreed to further develop the Regulation and to go forward in a two-step approach. GRB may wish to consider a proposal by the experts from France and ISO with regard to a short-term solution, if available. GRB is expected to examine a proposal regarding the conditioning of mufflers containing absorbing fibrous materials, if available.

(b) New sound limit values

GRB will request the expert from the European Commission to communicate the results of the two-year monitoring process to the Working Party.

(c) Additional sound emission provisions

GRB will receive updated proposals to amend the Regulation transmitted by the informal group on Additional Sound Emission Provisions (ASEP) and by the expert from the Netherlands.

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

GRB agreed to have a final review of the 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.

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

GRB may wish to consider a proposal to align the provisions of Regulation No. 92 with those of Regulation No. 59, taking into account the latest amendments proposed for Regulation No. 41, if available.

7. REGULATION No. 117 - (TYRE ROLLING NOISE AND WET GRIP ADHESION)

GRB agreed to resume consideration of this subject on the basis of 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 with regard to sound emissions and tyre rolling resistance coefficients, if available.

8. 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 examine a proposal by the expert from the Netherlands to harmonize in the Regulations the use of the terms "noise", "sound" and "silencer", if available.

9. 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.

10. INFLUENCE OF ROAD SURFACE ON TYRE ROLLING SOUND EMISSIONS

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

11. MINIMUM SOUND LIMIT VALUES FOR SILENT VEHICLES

GRB will receive information from the expert of the United States of America on the outcome of the first informal meeting on Minimum Sound Levels for silent vehicles (MSL), scheduled to be held on Monday morning, 15 February 2010. GRB is expected to consider the Terms of Reference of the informal group on MSL.

12. ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY VEHICLES

GRB will be briefed about the outcome of the fourth Environmentally Friendly Vehicle (EFV) Conference held in New Delhi from 23 to 24 November 2009 and the work progress made during the fifth and sixth EFV informal meetings held on 25 November 2009 and 15 January 2010.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

GRB may wish to consider any other subject, if necessary.

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