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#### Proposal for draft amendments to the Consolidated

#### Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from the Russian Federation in order to allow the type approval of buses with not more than eight seats but with a total capacity of more than eight passengers. It is based on informal document GRSG-97-04. Modifications to the existing text of the Consolidated Resolution are marked in bold characters.

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\* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2006-2010 (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1, programme activity 02.4), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

## A. Proposal

*Annex 7, amend paragraphs 2.1. to 2.3., to read:*

“2.1. Category M<sub>1</sub>:

Vehicles used for the carriage of [**only seating**] passengers and comprising not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat (see also paragraph 8.1. below). **Vehicles, comprising not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat and provisions for standing passengers, belong to category M<sub>2</sub> or M<sub>3</sub> if their capacity is more than eight passengers.**

2.2. Category M<sub>2</sub>:

Vehicles used for the carriage of passengers, comprising more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat, and having a maximum mass not exceeding 5 tonnes.

2.3. Category M<sub>3</sub>:

Vehicles used for the carriage of passengers, comprising more than eight seats, in addition to the driver's seat, and having a maximum mass exceeding 5 tonnes.”

## B. Justification

1. A low floor bus of Class 1 or A with small length can have up to eight seats and total capacity more than eight passengers. This type of buses is popular in the central regions of cities and historical towns. A bus with small quantity of seats (up to eight) and with some quantity of standing places in accordance with the Consolidated Resolution R.E.3 is a vehicle of category M<sub>1</sub>. But these vehicles can not satisfy requirements for M<sub>1</sub> vehicles.



