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Notes on the 18th Session of the Informal Group on “ITS”

GENEVA, 13 November 2009

(Transmitted by the representative from Japan)

The meeting was chaired by Mr I. Yarnold (UK) and Mr. T. Onoda.

Agenda item 1 : Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda in ITS-18-01 was adopted unchanged.

Agenda item 2 : Adoption of the Notes for the 16th Meeting

The notes in ITS-18-02 were adopted unchanged.

Agenda item 3 : Report of the 17th Meeting (Adhoc session)

Before the report, Mr. Onoda emphasized that no formal decision had been made at the 17th session since it had been an adhoc session and that the session number had been merely automatically allocated regardless of the nature of the session – whether it had been a formal session or an adhoc session.

Following to that, Dr. Hiramatsu of Japan made a report of the session. He concluded his report by appreciating comments to the IHRA warning principles made at the session by participating experts from various organizations including OICA and CLEPA.

OICA and CLEPA gave their views that the comments made by these organizations at the 17th session had been the comments from experts of braking in the organizations and that additional comments could be submitted from these organizations.

Agenda item 4 : Draft Proposal for the Warning Principles by WP.29/ITS IG

Mr. Nakamura of Japan gave a presentation regarding ITS-18-05 outlining contents of a draft proposal for the Warning Principles by WP.29/ITS IG (ITS-18-04) that had been prepared by Japan as a first draft for consideration by the group.

The representative from the EC, on behalf of the chairman of AEBS/LDWS IG, expressed its appreciation to Japan for reflecting its comment to the draft to expand the scope of the principles, which would align the scope with that of the draft regulation on AEBS being discussed by AEBS/LDWS IG.

OICA gave its comments regarding ITS-18-06 insisting that the draft contained only general principles and thus, it would be merely a check list and nothing more than that. It also added that it might make additional comments after further deliberation of the draft.

In this context, Dr. Hiramatsu expressed his view that a kind of guideline was necessary for designing HMI because the capacity of drivers in responding to warnings emerged was limited in spite of the technology development.

Mr. Yarnold, pointing out the difficulty for drivers to take sensible actions upon receiving warnings, gave his views that all manufacturers could apply this kind of guideline in their own language.

OICA also expressed its concerns on how to apply the principles after adopted.

Mr. Onoda explained co-chairs' intention that the document could be a guideline to be adopted at WP.29 so that GRs could refer to it when developing regulations including high-priority warnings on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Yarnold added that the status of the document should be decided at WP.29.

OICA requested the group to send the draft to GRs for consideration before the submission to WP.29.

Mr. Yarnold explained that, in order to do so, the document should be submitted to WP.29 in advance since the group had no competence to order anything directly to GRs and that after the consideration by GRs, the final decision would be made by WP.29.

Agenda item 5 : Wrap up

Taking into account of comments made by participants, co-chairs wrapped up discussions by concluding that any comments to the draft should be submitted to Japan by the end of December so that co-chairs could modify the draft proposal, as appropriate, and submit it to the next session of WP.29 for consideration.

Agenda item 6 : Other business

The representative from EC, on behalf of the chairman of AEBS/LDWS IG, suggested the group to send an expert to the AEBS/LDWS IG meeting to be held in December for the purpose of information sharing.

Expressing his appreciation for the helpful suggestion, Mr. Yarnold proposed to send one of the experts from UK and the proposal was agreed by the group.

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