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Report of the Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety on its special session**I. Attendance**

1. The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) held its special session in Geneva from 6 to 7 December 2017, chaired by Ms. L. Iorio (Italy). Representatives of the following ECE member States participated: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

2. The representatives of the European Union and non-ECE member States - Brazil and Japan - also participated.

3. The following non-governmental organizations were also represented: European Transport Council, Fédération, Federation of International Motorcycling (FIM), International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA), International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA), International Organization for Standardization (ISO), Tax S. Society Road Safety (India), Tesla, University of Alcalá, and University of South Carolina.

II. Adoption of the Agenda (agenda item 1)

4. The Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) adopted the session's agenda (ECE/TRANS/WP.1/S/160).

III. Automated driving (agenda item 2)

A. Highly automated vehicles

5. At the last session, WP.1 had agreed that the driver's "secondary activities" should be better elaborated in particular with reference to the activities which could compromise road safety or endanger road users. To this end, WP.1 had agreed to begin work on the elaboration of a set of recommendations on the topic.

6. WP.1 decided to discuss this agenda item at the next session. Informal document No. 4 was submitted by France, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom. The Chair requested the document be submitted as a formal document to provide a basis for discussion at the next session.

B. Situations when a driver operates a vehicle from the outside of the vehicle

7. At the last session, WP.1 had agreed that Remote Control Parking does not compromise road safety in parking manoeuvres. At the same time, WP.1 had agreed to immediately begin work to address the issue of a driver operating a vehicle from the outside.

8. WP.1 decided to discuss this agenda item at the next session. Informal document No. 3 was submitted by France, Japan, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The Chair requested the document be submitted as a formal document to provide a basis for discussion at the next session.

C. Fully automated vehicles

9. At the last session, WP. 1 had agreed to: (i) create a document containing a set of basic recommendations addressing most pressing issues with regard to the integration of highly and fully automated vehicles in road traffic; (ii) commit to continuing development of this document by expanding its scope; and (iii) initially focus the work on elements such as interactions of fully automated vehicle systems with driving environment and with other road users and interactions of the fully automated vehicle systems with their users.

10. To this end, the WP.1 Chair prepared a draft annotated outline (Informal document No. 2) while France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland submitted "Draft Consolidated Resolution on the safe deployment of highly and fully automated vehicles" (Informal document No. 5). After discussion, WP.1 prepared a draft text of "Resolution on deployment of highly and fully automated vehicles in road traffic" using Informal documents No. 2 and 5. "Resolution on deployment of highly and fully automated vehicles in road traffic" will be submitted by the WP.1 Chair and Vice-Chairs at the next session as a formal document for further work and/or revisions and a possible adoption.

11. The Chair of the Informal Group of Experts on Automated Driving informed that the next meeting (with video conference capabilities) will take place possibly in the Netherlands at the end of January 2018. He invited the Chair and the secretariat to attend.

IV. Other Business (agenda item 3)

12. The secretariat distributed copies of the “UNECE Framework for the engagement with the business sector” (Informal document No. 2017/40) approved by the UNECE Executive Committee on 26 September 2017. The “Framework” is also available at <https://www.unece.org/info/about-unece/executive-committee-excom/meetings/2017/ninety-third-meeting.html>. The secretariat informed WP.1 that the “Framework” must be followed by the secretariat and be taken into account while revising WP.1 terms of reference and rules of procedure (para 43, ECE/TRANS/WP.1/159).

V. Date of next session (agenda item 4)

13. The next session of WP.1 is scheduled for 19 to 23 March 2018 in Geneva.

VI. Adoption of the report of the Special session (agenda item 5)

14. The Working Party adopted the report of its Special session.
