Special Interest Group on UN-R 157: Meeting notes

- Date and time: Friday, 15 January 2021, 9.00 - 12.00 (CET/ Geneva time)
- Attendance: Leadership (EC, UK, DE), Group attendees (~85)
- Documents shared during the meeting:
  - Document from Japan (to be distributed after meeting)
  - GRVA-08-24 (OICA/CLEPA)

Summary:
- Draft agenda approved by the group
- First meeting with focus on organizational issues
- Various parties presented the topic that they wanted to be addressed by the group.
- Scope agreed by group, namely: clarification regarding emergency vehicles, speed increase, lane change and extension to other vehicle categories.
- Aim is to consider pending proposals and to propose a package to GRVA in June 2021. Safety should be the priority (as highlighted by Japan).
- Meeting on 29 January 2021 initiated by industry (OICA/CLEPA) shall be used to discuss ALKS deactivation (GRVA/2021/2), clarification on emergency vehicles (request raised by France according to GRVA-07-39 and written questionnaire), and extension of the scope of the current Regulation 157 to other vehicle categories. Discussion will be continued in this group after the next GRVA if needed as part of the June 2021 package.
- If required by the discussion to meet the June 2021 objective:
  - M1 vehicles will be prioritized for higher speed and lane change.
  - Emergency lane change (during minimum risk manoeuver and evasive manoeuver) will be prioritized for lane change.
- Common understanding and agreement: outcomes of the group will be reported back to GRVA; timeline and group’s aimed deliverables to be adjusted if more time needed.
- Noted remark by US on the need to coordinate with other experts groups (e.g. FRAV and VMAD).
- Any documents to be circulated to be sent to EC, UK or DE; e-mail distribution list updated after the meeting. Leadership will check with UN secretariat to have a wiki.
- The leadership will consider an approach to document discussions and record conclusions that will be discussed at the next meeting).
- Meeting format: proposal for monthly meetings (~ 3 hours). Timeslot will try to accommodate participation around the world (e.g. around noon CET/Geneva time).
- Coordination with other GRVA groups: leadership of special interest group will reach out to IWG chairs, most importantly FRAV and VMAD now; meeting overlaps should be avoided to the extent possible and consistency with regards to contents and scope of work between groups shall be assured.

Action points:

- Distribution of the list of topics to be addressed (Japan) and Industry table received before the meeting by leadership.
- All members to send their comments on the pending proposals for the next industry meeting (or GRVA).

Next meetings:

- OICA/CLEPA meeting on Friday, 29 January 2021, 09.00 -12.00 (CET)
- UN-R 157 group on Tuesday, 16 February 2021, 12.00 – 14.30 (CET) (tentative – to be confirmed!)