
OICA statement on document GRSG-121-11

(Revision of the terms of reference of VRU-Proxi)

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The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from OICA for clarifying their position with regard to the progress of work at the informal group VRU-Proxi.

1. Context

Document GRSG-121-11 provides the draft revised terms of reference of the VRU-Proxi IWG (informal working group on awareness of Vulnerable Road Users proximity in low speed manoeuvres). The proposed date of delivery for Direct Vision is unchanged compared to the last amendments of the terms of reference (GRSG-118-07), as “(c) Direct vision: [122nd] session of GRSG (October 2021)”.

All documents are available on the IWG [dedicated webpage](#). OICA actively contributed to the work of the VRU-Proxi IWG on Direct vision:

- VRU-Proxi-14-07
- VRU-Proxi-16-07
- VRU-Proxi-16-08
- VRU-Proxi-17-06
- VRU-Proxi-17-07
- Etc.

No draft regulatory text about Direct Vision is however available at the 121st session of GRSG.

The VRU-Proxi IWG lacks alignment about the method to be applied, the boundary conditions and the limit values. Two approaches are currently in competition:

1. pure improvement of direct vision from the driver’s eyes only
2. improvement of direct vision in balanced combination with other existing technologies (assistance systems), taking in account the effects for the transport sectors and economies of the contracting parties

VRU-Proxi is attended by 8 countries (UK, J, D, F, NL, ROK, S, DK), among the 22 attending GRSG and the 62 contracting parties to the 58 Agreement. CDN, RUS and B attended seldomly.

2. OICA statement

1. GRSG at its 121st session cannot review any draft regulatory text. Consequently, GRSG will be forced to make a final decision on a draft text available for one session only, at the 122nd session of GRSG.
2. Too few contracting parties attend the informal group meetings, hence jeopardising a comprehensive understanding of the strategic options and their consequences on the different domestic territories, for those countries not attending the VRU-Proxi IWG meetings.

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3. Those contracting parties attending the informal group meetings unfortunately did not yet make a position on the proposed requirements (probably because there is no draft regulatory text available yet).
 4. OICA consequently:
 - a. Urge GRSG to request that the VRU-Proxi IWG make a transparent communication on the consequences of the proposed technical requirements on the future vehicle fleets.
 - b. Urge the contracting parties members of GRSG to attend the meetings of the VRU-Proxi IWG, or alternatively to give guidance to the VRU-Proxi IWG.
 - c. Urge the contracting parties members of GRSG to make clear positions about the proposed technical requirements, for the 122nd session of GRSG in October 2022.
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