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Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)

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The 184th session of WP.29 was held as an hybrid meeting.

The Chair of WP.29 requested the secretariat to prepare a draft PoW with activities for 2022 and 2023, which is to be circulated to GRs meeting as of September 2021 in order for experts participating in the work of the GRs to be able to discuss and agree on activities for the 2022 PoW and initiate consideration of 2023 PoW activities.

WP.29 considered the programme of work of WP.29 and Subsidiary Bodies for the year 2021, document [ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2021/1/Rev.1](#) and endorsed it.

In regard to the concern raised by Sweden over the poor representation of adult female by existing dummies, the Chair of GRSP reported that GRSP has agreed to establish an Ad-hoc group to examine the issue to ensure adherence to the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 5 on Gender Equality. Based on the recommendation by Sweden, GRSP will also examine the most appropriate way to engage with other Working Parties (WPs). WP.29 agreed on the approach of GRSP to verify first the merit of this claim and then eventually consider the Terms of Reference of an Informal Working Group.

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Highlights of AC.3 June 2021 session

AC.3 noted that since March 2020, no status reports or final notifications were submitted. Therefore, AC.3 warmly reiterated its request to its Contracting Parties to send the above-mentioned status report and notifications as one of the main obligations of the 1998 Agreement.

The representative of the United States of America argued that a de facto transposition of UN GTRs through UN Regulations might not be ostensibly acceptable since differences exist between UN GTRs and UN Regulations on the same subjects and only tight harmonization could provide the same level playing field.

The representative of OICA stressed the crucial importance of an update situations on the process of transposition into Contracting Parties as a whole, including precise information as to the legal status of the UN GTRs implementation (mandatory, alternative, ...).

The complete report is available at WP.29 website under the official symbol ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1159.

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WP.29 noted that the updated list of priorities for GRSP would be provided following the December 2021 session. WP.29 was informed on a scheduled ad-hoc session of AC.2 for final review before the adoption at the March 2022 session of WP.29.

The representative of the European Commission introduced an informal document, proposing a list of priorities from the European Union covering safety and automated/connected vehicles as well as emissions.

WP.29 endorsed the revised programme of work as introduced in ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2021/1/Rev.2.

WP.29 considered and endorsed the proposals for amendments to Mutual Resolution No. 1 Specifications for the Construction, Preparation and Certification of the 50th percentile male Biofidelic Rear Impact Dummy, anthropomorphic test Device (BioRID-II UN).

Concerning the 1997 Agreement The World Forum noted that the proposal for a framework document on vehicle whole-life compliance was still under review by GRs, which was deemed to be finalized before the WP.29 March 2022 session.

AC.1 adopted 20 Supplements and one Corrigendum to existing UN Regulations under its responsibility.

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AC.3 adopted the proposal of Amendment 3 to Mutual Resolution No. 1 (M.R.1).

Finally, AC.3 agreed to extend the mandate of the IWG on EVS until June 2023

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GRSP 71st session will be held on 9-13 May 2022. Deadline for submission of official documents on 14 February 2022