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Agenda item 25(c)

Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)

Highlights of the June and March 2024 session of WP.29

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The 192nd session of WP.29 was held in person only. Referring to AC.2 recommendation, WP.29 fostered collaboration between WP.1, and WP.29 on Automated Vehicles and recommended that its subsidiary bodies would consider WP.29-190-07 now GRSP-75-08 during their next sessions.

WP.29 noted ECE/TRANS/2023/7/Rev.1, concerning the UNECE Road Safety Action Plan 2023 – 2030. WP.29 further noted that ITC had invited, at its February 2024 session all its relevant Working Parties to submit in the course of 2023 their first inputs to the secretariat in the corresponding areas of the action plan. WP.29 agreed to request its members to provide comments by 20 March, 2024 to secretariat to prepare an updated document to be discussed during a virtual meeting among interested parties as a start. At the same time the secretariat was requested to share the updated document with GRSP experts to touch basis on topics covering its remit. Finally, it was agreed to resume discussion on this topic at the June 2024 session of WP.29 on the basis of a revised document as a result of the above-mentioned consultations and to finalize it by November 2024 session of the World Forum.

WP.29 decided to extend the mandate of the IWG EVS In the meantime, on the request of the representative of the EU, WP.29 agreed to establish an ad-hoc group, under GRSP, to take stock of the work achieved so far by IWG EVS and amend UN Regulation No. 100 (Electric power trained vehicles) by June 2024.

On children left in cars, WP.29 noted that GRSP had agreed establishing an ad hoc group with clear TOR. The experts from Australia and the Republic of Korea proposed to co-chair the group. The expert from China informed GRSP that NCAP China already had protocols to test the original equipment of manufacturers to detect the presence of children and offered to co-chair the group. WP.29 agreed to establish an IWG instead of ad-hoc group on this subject to give more momentum to the group, pending the adoption of the ToR at the May 2024 session of GRSP.

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Highlights of the March 2024 session of WP.29

Highlights of AC.3 March 2024 session

Concerning the IWG on UN GTR No. 20, AC.3 agreed on the extension of the mandate of the IWG on EVS until March 2025.

Concerning Children left in vehicles The representative of Australia informed AC.3 that the ad-hoc group, now upgraded as IWG on safety of Children Left in Vehicles (IWG CLIV), convened virtually two weeks ago to elaborate the ToR. He added that the IWG, chaired by Australia, co-chaired by the Republic of South Korea and China would develop draft regulatory text proposals for a model regulation regarding the safety of children left in vehicles. As the issue is of global concern, the representative of the United States of America suggested that the work developed by the IWG should be Agreement neutral, gathering information and statistics as a first stage and then eventually establish a UN GTR. He expressed support from his country on this activity. The representative of Canada echoed the statement of the United States of America and added that guidelines and principles currently used worldwide should be considered as a first step. The representative of the Republic of Korea further added that ToR would be elaborated as a starting point aiming at gathering information to create guidelines that would be eventually transposed into a UN GTR as a second step. The representative of China stated that children left in vehicles is a concern in his country and supported the activity. AC.3 agreed to resume discussion on this subject on the basis of the outcome of discussion of GRSP May 2024 session.

GRSP 76th session will be held on 2-6 December 2024. Deadline for submission of official documents on 09 September 2024.