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(60th GRRF, 18-22 September 2006

agenda item 6.4.)

# GRRF informal group on coupling devices (UNECE Regulation No. 55)

Proposal for Terms of Reference  
and Rules of Procedure

# Proposal for Terms of Reference

1. The informal group shall consider the necessity to add alternative test procedures and – if necessary - further amendments and corrections to Regulation No. 55 (coupling devices), for consideration by GRRF.
2. The basis of the discussion will be informal document No. GRRF-58-5.
3. If necessary, the informal group shall develop a complementary test method and propose alternative judgement criteria. In its work, the informal group will take into consideration amongst others the technical expertise of "CARLOS TC" as well as the results of the discussions held in the informal group and at GRRF.
4. The target completion date for the informal group shall be the sixty-third session of GRRF (February 2008).

# Proposal for Rules of Procedure

1. The informal group is open to all participants of GRRF. A limitation of number of participants from any country and organization to participate in the informal group is actually not foreseen.
2. A Chairman and a Secretary will govern the informal group.
3. The official language of the informal group will be English.
4. All documents and/or proposals must be submitted to the Secretary of the group in a suitable electronic format in advance of the meeting. The group may refuse to discuss any item or proposal which has not been circulated 10 working days in advance.
5. An agenda and related documents will be circulated to all members of the informal group at least two weeks in advance of all scheduled meetings.
6. The process will pursue consensus. When consensus can not be reached, the chairman of the group shall present the different points of view to GRRF.
7. The progress of the informal group generally will be reported as an informal document and presented by the chairman or another participant of the group delegated on the recent meeting.
8. All working documents should be distributed in digital form, the creation of an own website is actually not foreseen.

# Proposal for the description of work and the time schedule

1<sup>st</sup> meeting: (June 2006; Paris)

- Kick off meeting (has been held)

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting (November 2006; Darmstadt)

- Verification of CARLOS / PSA / RENAULT conditions and results
  - Discussion of test experience
  - Discussion of test program details
- If necessary, setup of test program (extremities, conjunction with running type approval tests)
- Call for testing

3<sup>rd</sup> meeting (April 2007; place not defined)

- Evaluation of test experiences
- Proposal for judgment criteria
- Decision on necessity to add an alternative test method
- Choice alternative test method

4<sup>th</sup> meeting (October 2007; place not defined)

- Fine tuning text
- Final report to GRRF-63rd session (February 2008)