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COORDINATION AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Draft Programme of Work for 2008-2012 and the Calendar of Meetings of the
World Forum and its Subsidiary Bodies for 2008

Note by the secretariat

Note: The draft programme of work reproduced below was prepared by the secretariat and it is transmitted to WP.29 for consideration. To facilitate the comparison of the draft programme of work with the text adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-eighth session (ECE/TRANS/166/Add.1), the additional elements are indicated in bold characters, while the text proposed for deletion is placed in square brackets.

I. PROGRAMME OF WORK

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 02.4: DEVELOPMENT AND HARMONIZATION OF VEHICLE REGULATIONS

02.4.1. Regulations for the construction of vehicles

Priority: 1

Description: The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) will develop regulations and recommendations for motor vehicles, their equipment and parts and harmonize and update the existing ones, including the relevant activities aimed at improving road transport safety, saving energy and taking into account the protection of the environment.

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

Work to be undertaken:

(a) In the framework of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions" (1958 Agreement) and the "Agreement concerning the establishing of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles" (1998 Agreement), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update Regulations in order to enhance performance of vehicles with respect to:

- (i) general safety and anti-theft provisions.
- (ii) pollution and energy.
- (iii) brakes and running gear.
- (iv) lighting and light-signalling.
- (v) noise.
- (vi) passive safety.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of [2007] 2009:

1. Under the 1958 Agreement: Adoption of four new UNECE Regulations; Adoption of [seventy] **seventy five** amendments to existing UNECE Regulations.

2. Under the 1998 Agreement: Implementation of an action plan for listing [ten] **five** Regulations in the Compendium of Candidates; The development of new global technical regulations (gtr); Establishment of [five] **four** harmonized or new global technical regulations (gtr) in the Global Registry.

- (b) Development of recommendations regarding the construction of vehicles (Consolidated Resolution R.E.3 and Special Resolution No. 1) with the aim of providing guidance with respect to requirements not covered by regulations.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of [2007] 2009: Adoption of two amendments to the existing Recommendations.

02.4.2. Rules on periodical technical inspections of vehicles

Priority: 1

Description: The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) will develop rules for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles with respect to their environmental and safety performance and for the reciprocal recognition of the results of such inspections.

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

Work to be undertaken:

In the framework of the "Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles and the reciprocal recognition of such inspections" (after its entry into force), the World Forum will develop one UNECE Rule for inspections of vehicles:

with regard to safety performance.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of [2007] 2009: Adoption of draft Rule No.2 (concerning inspections with respect to safety performance) to be annexed to the 1997 Agreement and adoption of an amendment to Rule No. 1 (concerning inspections with regard to environmental performance).

II. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS OF WP.29 AND OF ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES FOR 2008 */

<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)	fifty-fifth	15 - 18 January (p.m./a.m.)	6
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)	sixty-third	4 - 8 February (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Noise (GRB)	forty-seventh	19 - 21 February (p.m./p.m.)	5
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	ninety-sixth	10 March	2
World Forum (WP.29) ; Admin. Committee of the 1958 Agreement ; Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement ; Admin. Committee of the 1997 Agreement	one-hundred-and-forty-fourth; 38th; 22nd; 9th	11 - 14 March	8
Working Party on Light. and Light-Signal. (GRE)	fifty-ninth	31 March - 4 April (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Gen. Safety Provisions (GRSG)	ninety-fourth	21 - 25 April (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)	forty-third	19 - 23 May (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)	fifty-sixth	3 - 6 June (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	ninety-seventh	23 June	2
World Forum (WP.29) and Admin./ Executive Committees (AC.1; AC.3; AC.4)	one-hundred-and-forty-fifth; 39th; 23rd; 10th	24 - 27 June	8
Working Party on Noise (GRB)	forty-eighth	1 - 3 September (p.m./p.m.)	5
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)	sixty-fourth	16 - 19 September (p.m./a.m.)	6
Working Party on Lighting and Light.-Signalling (GRE)	sixtieth	29 September - 1 October	6
Working Party on Gen. Safety Provisions (GRSG)	ninety-fifth	21 - 24 October (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	ninety-eighth	10 November	2
World Forum (WP.29) and Admin./ Executive Committees (AC.1; AC.3; AC.4)	one-hundred-and-forty-sixth; 40th; 24th; 11th	11 - 14 November	8
Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)	forty-fourth	10 - 12 December	6
Total			108 half- days
			(54 days)

*/ Except the three sessions of WP.29/AC.2 (without interpretation), all sessions are public.

The sessions marked "p.m./a.m." will begin in the afternoon, at 14.30 h on the indicated date and are expected to last until 12.30 h on the indicated date.

The sessions (of GRB) scheduled "p.m./p.m." will begin in the afternoon, at 14.30 h on the indicated date and are expected to last until 17.30 h on the indicated date.

The sessions not marked start at 9.30 h on the indicated date and are expected to last until 17.30 h on the indicated date.

The sessions of Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2) and of the World Forum (WP.29) begin at 10.00 h on the indicated date.

During the WP.29 sessions, the Administrative Committee of the 1958 Agreement (AC.1) will hold its sessions usually on Wednesdays, at the end of the afternoon; sessions of the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement (AC.3) are expected to be held on Thursday mornings, and sessions of the Administrative Committee of 1997 Agreement (AC.4) would be held on Thursday afternoons, if scheduled.

Note:

Inland Transport Committee (ITC), sixty-ninth session: 5 - 7 February 2008;
(ITC Bureau: 4 February and 8 February 2008) (limited participation);
Geneva Motor Show, Palexpo: 6 - 16 March 2008 (Press days: 6 - 8 March 2008);
Economic Commission for Europe is holding its sessions every two years. The next session will be in 2009.
