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Proposal with regard to a further development of the 1997 Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspection of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of Such Inspections.

Submitted by the International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee (CITA)

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BACKGROUND

Periodic technical inspection of vehicles in use is a crucial element for the sake of road safety and environmental protection. The effectiveness of vehicle inspection scheme depends on several factors that allow for a mutual recognition of the periodic inspection:

1. The vehicle categories to be covered by an vehicle inspection scheme
2. The frequency of inspections for each of these categories
3. The content of the inspection: item to be inspected, method of inspection, reason for failure and assessment of deficiencies,
4. Minimum content of the Roadworthiness Certificate,
5. Minimum requirements concerning roadworthiness facilities and test equipment,
6. Minimum requirements concerning the competence, training and certification of inspectors, and
7. Supervising bodies.

This content of the vehicle inspection is essential to define any in-use vehicle inspection scheme. In that sense, the 1997 Agreement has been developed with the Rule 1 and Rule 2 defining the uniform provisions to inspect vehicles with regard to the protection of the environment and their roadworthiness. These rules already cover the first three of the above listed elements namely vehicle categories, test frequency and content of the inspection.

The 1997 Agreement also outlines the International Inspection Certificate to facilitate the mutual recognition of vehicles in transit on the signatory States.

Within the European Union, this has been already recognized by the Directive 2014/45/EU, setting the minimum requirements for all of the above listed elements.

Provided that one of the aims of 1997 Agreement is facilitating the basis for mutual recognition, as the 2014/45/EU Directive does, it seems adequate to complement the 1997 Agreement in that direction.

CITA, the International Vehicle Inspection Committee, therefore submits the following

PROPOSAL

To develop the following additional Rules to the 1997 Agreement

Rule 3: Requirements concerning the roadworthiness facilities and test equipment,

Rule 4: Requirements concerning the competence, training and certification of inspectors, and

Rule 5: Supervising bodies.
