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Object: Documentation of the Outcome of “Common Tasks” discussion

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The 1st session of Informal group on “Common Tasks” was held in the 79th GRSG, 16/17 October 2000 in Geneva. In the above session, the necessity was proposed from Japan and OICA to discuss “how to documentate the outcome of “Common Tasks” group especially concerning the relationship to the 1998 Global Agreement, R.E.3 or etc.”, and we reached consensus that this issue would be better to be discussed in the 122nd session of WP.29 for advice. So, We submit the following proposals on this matter, as examples of viable options.

1) Draft annex to the 1998 Global Agreement

A draft amendment to the 1998 Global Agreement in order to add the following annex to the agreement is developed as “Common Tasks” outcome;

The draft annex to the 1998 Global Agreement is compiled by the resolution of the “Common Tasks” meeting, adding the following provision at the beginning of the contents: for example, “The developed Global Technical Regulations subject to this agreement {shall conform / are recommended to conform} to the provisions in this annex.”

- * In this case, the status in the 1998 Global Agreement and the legal authority among the contracting parties are clarified;
- * All contracting parties are obligated to comply with terms;
- * It is not easy to amend, when amendments are necessary.

2) A Draft Global Technical Regulations (Reg. 0) subject to the 1998 Global Agreement

A draft Global Technical Regulation “Reg. 0” is developed as “Common Tasks” outcome.

The provisions in this Global Technical Regulations “Reg. 0” are quoted in definitions in terms of the other Global Technical Regulations.

- * In this case, the status in the 1998 Global Agreement and the legal authority among the contracting parties including nations other than ECE member nations are clarified.
- * Because the items stipulated in “Reg.0” make up the fundamental items in the other Global Technical Regulations (e.g., scope category, measurement conditions, measurement methods or etc.), upon adoption of other global regulations (Reg.1-), concurrent adoption of “Reg. 0” should be recommended or made obligatory.
- * the developing Global Technical Regulations are to be amended in conformity to “Reg. 0”, after “Reg. 0” is drafted.
- * It is easier to amend when amendments are necessary.

3) Draft amendments to R.E.3

A draft amendment to R.E.3 in order to reflect the “Common Tasks” outcome is developed. This resolution is to be common definitions in the 1958 agreement and the 1998 global agreement.

- * The amended R.E.3 is common definition between the 1958 agreement and 1998 global agreement, and there is no disparities between definitions of ECE regulations and Global Technical Regulations.
- * Resolutions in ECE, including R.E.3, fulfill a role of supplements to international agreements such as the 1958 Agreement. However, they are recommended resolutions within the ECE, and concerns remain about their binding force on each nation.
- * It is easier to amend when amendments are necessary.

4) New Draft Resolution in WP.29 or ECE/TRANS

New draft recommendation in WP.29 or TRANS is developed, which is compiled by the resolution of the “Common Tasks” meeting, adding the following provision to the beginning of the contents: “In Developing Global Technical Regulations subject to the 1998 Global Agreement, the terms in the Global Technical Regulations {shall conform/ are recommended to conform} to the provisions in this resolution.”

- * This new resolution is only for the 1998 global agreement and has parallel status to R.E.3 for the 1958 agreement.
 - * Resolutions in ECE, including R.E.3, fulfill a role of supplements to international agreements such as the 1958 Agreement. However, they are recommended resolutions within the ECE, and concerns remain about their binding force on each nation.
 - * It is easier to amend when amendments are necessary.
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