



Economic and Social Council

Distr.

GENERAL

TRANS/WP.29/691
18 November 1999

Original: ENGLISH

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles (WP.29)

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2000-2004 AND THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS OF WP.29 AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES FOR 2000

Note: The draft programme of work reproduced below was adopted by WP.29 at its one-hundred-and-nineteenth session and is transmitted to the Inland Transport Committee for consideration at its sixty-second session (TRANS/WP.29/689, paras. 28 and 29). Also reflected in the text is the decision made by WP.29 at its one-hundred-and-nineteenth session to change its name into "WORLD FORUM FOR HARMONIZATION OF VEHICLE REGULATIONS (WP.29)" and to establish it, starting from its one-hundred-and-twentieth session to be held in Geneva from 7 to 10 March 2000, subject to the endorsement by the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-second session (TRANS/WP.29/689, para. 31). To facilitate the comparison of the draft programme of work with the text adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its sixty-first session (ECE/TRANS/128/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: [CONSTRUCTION OF VEHICLES] **DEVELOPMENT AND HARMONIZATION OF VEHICLE REGULATIONS**

02.4.1. Regulations for the construction of vehicles Priority: 1

Description: The [Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles] **World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations** (WP.29) will develop regulations and recommendations for motor [vehicle] **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 [Working Party] **World Forum** will develop, **harmonize** [new] and update [the existing ECE] 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 [2000] 2001:

1. Under the 1958 Agreement: Adoption of two new ECE Regulations;

[and] **Adoption** of fifty amendments to existing ECE Regulations.

2. Under the 1998 Agreement: **Production of an action plan for placing and harmonizing Regulations in the Compendium of Candidates;**

The development of new global technical regulations (gtr);

Establishment of two harmonized or new global technical regulations (gtr) in the global registry.

- [(b) Harmonization of the ECE Regulations with the corresponding EC Directives concerning the construction of vehicles in order to achieve uniformity of requirements.

Output expected by the end of 2000: Adoption of ten amendments to ECE Regulations in order to ensure alignment with updated EC Directives.]

- [(c) (b) Development of recommendations regarding the construction of vehicles (Consolidated Resolution R.E.3) with the aim of providing guidance with respect to requirements not covered by regulations.

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of [2000] 2001: Adoption of [one new Recommendation and of] one amendment to an existing Recommendation.

[ACTIVITY OF A LIMITED DURATION

Consideration of proposal(s) to develop a global agreement targeting the world-wide harmonization of vehicle and engine construction requirements. (1999)

Priority: 1

Output expected by the end of 2000: Entry of the Agreement into force and starting of the procedures related to the Compendium of Candidate Technical Regulations.]

02.4.2. Rules on periodical technical inspections of vehicles

Priority: [1] 2

Description: After its entry into force, the [Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles] **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 [Working Party] **World Forum** will develop ECE Rule(s) for inspections of vehicles:

- (i) with regard to environmental performance
- (ii) with regard to safety performance.

Priority: [1] 2

Output expected by the end of [2000] 2001: [Entry of the Agreement into force and adoption of the first Rule to be annexed to the Agreement.] **Consideration of the new Rule(s) to be annexed to the Agreement.**

II. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS OF THE WORLD FORUM FOR THE HARMONIZATION
OF VEHICLE REGULATIONS (WP.29) AND OF ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES FOR 2000 */

<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. of half-days</u>
Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)	thirty-ninth	11 - 14 January (p.m./a.m.)	6
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)	forty-seventh	31 Jan.- 4 Feb. (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Noise (GRB)	thirty-second	22 - 25 February (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	seventy-second	6 March	2
World Forum (WP.29) and Administrative Committee (AC.1)	one-hundred-and-twentieth fourteenth	7 - 10 March	8
Working Party on Light. and Light-Signal. (GRE)	forty-fourth	3 - 6 April (p.m./a.m.)	6
Working Party on Gen. Safety Provisions (GRSG)	seventy-eighth	10 - 14 April (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)	twenty-seventh	8 - 12 May (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE)	fortieth	23 - 26 May (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	seventy-third	26 June	2
World Forum (WP.29) and Administrative Committee (AC.1)	one-hundred-and-twenty-first fifteenth	27 - 30 June	8
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF)	forty-eighth	11 - 13 September	6
Working Party on Noise (GRB)	thirty-third	14 and 15 September	4
Working Party on Light. and Light-Signal. (GRE)	forty-fifth **/	2 - 6 October (p.m./a.m.)	8
Working Party on Gen. Safety Provisions (GRSG)	seventy-ninth	16 - 19 October (p.m./a.m.)	6
Administrative Committee (WP.29/AC.2)	seventy-fourth	6 November	2
World Forum (WP.29) and Administrative Committee (AC.1)	one-hundred-and-twenty-second sixteenth	7 - 10 November	8
Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP)	twenty-eighth	27 - 30 November (p.m./a.m.)	6
		Total	----- 108 half-days (54 days)

*/ [To be held in Ottawa, Canada]

*/ The sessions marked "(p.m./a.m.)" will begin in the afternoon, at 2.30 p.m. on the indicated date and will be closed at 12.30 a.m. on the indicated date. Sessions not marked start at 9.30 a.m. on the indicated date and are expected to last until 5.30 p.m. on the indicated date.

The sessions of WP.29/AC.2 begin at 10 a.m. on the indicated date.

The sessions of WP.29 proper begin at 10 a.m. on the indicated date. (The sessions of AC.1 are expected to be held on Wednesdays, towards the end of the afternoon, during WP.29 sessions).

Notes: Inland Transport Committee, sixty-second session: 15-17 February 2000; (ITC Bureau: 14 (p.m.) and 18 (a.m.) February 2000);
Geneva Motor Show, Palexpo: 2-12 March 2000; (Press days: 29 February and 1 March 2000);
Economic Commission for Europe, Economic Seminar 2 May 2000, fifty-fifth session: 3-5 May 2000.