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AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM CONDITIONS FOR PERIODICAL TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS OF WHEELED VEHICLES AND THE RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF SUCH INSPECTIONS

PROPOSAL FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 12 OF THE AGREEMENT

Transmitted by the representative of Finland

Note : The text reproduced below was prepared by the representative of Finland, following the invitation by the Administrative Committee (AC.4) of the 1997 Agreement, at its second session. It is is transmitted for consideration to WP.29 and to AC.4 (TRANS/WP.29/909, para. 157).

A. FINNISH PROPOSAL FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 12

"specific authorization to carry out periodical technical inspections on behalf of another Contracting Party to the Agreement shall be required of both Contracting Parties; of the country where the vehicle has been registered and of the country where the inspections should be carried out."

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B. CURRENT SITUATION

In the one hundred-and-fourteenth session of WP.29, the following proposal was formulated for interpretation of Article 12 of the 1997 Agreement (TRANS/WP.29/609, para. 92):

"specific authorization shall be required to carry out periodical technical inspections on behalf of another Contracting Party to the Agreement."

The Administrative Committee (AC.4) of the 1997 Agreement discussed this interpretation during the one hundred-and-twenty-ninth session of WP.29. It agreed to resume the consideration at its third session, in June 2003. The Contracting Parties were invited to present their proposals for consideration, if their views diverged from the interpretation mentioned above (TRANS/WP.29/909, paras. 153-157).

C. JUSTIFICATION OF THE FINNISH PROPOSAL

1. It is important to the Contracting Party, in whose territory the vehicle is registered, to have the right to decide if it allows another Contracting Party to carry out inspections in accordance with the 1997 Agreement. An authorization from the country where the vehicle is registered is needed mainly to ensure that:
   (a) the level, quality and inspection methods in that country are sufficient and adequately similar as in the country where the vehicle is registered;
   (b) the vehicle registration and inspection data and information systems of the countries are compatible.

2. It is also important that the Contracting Party, in whose territory the inspections for vehicles registered in another Contracting Party will be carried out, has the right to decide whether it allows the inspections to take place. This is needed to ensure that:
   (a) the capacity of inspection stations of the country is sufficient;
   (b) the registration, inspection and vehicle identification data of vehicles registered abroad are available,
   (c) the systems to exchange registration data between the two Contracting Parties exist.