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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 14 (Safety-belt anchorages)

Transmitted by the expert from Japan

<u>Note</u>: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Japan in order to avoid the interpretation that safety-belt anchorages were not required for seats capable of being turned to or placed in a rearward position. It is based on a document without a symbol (informal document No. GRSP-37-9) distributed during the thirty-seventh GRSP session (TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/37, para. 12). The deleted text is indicated as strikethrough.

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A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 5.3.9., should be deleted:

"5.3.9. In the case of seats capable of being turned to or placed in other orientations, for use when the vehicle is stationary, the requirements of paragraph 5.3.1. shall apply only to those orientations designated for normal use when the vehicle is traveling on a road, in accordance with this Regulation. A note to this effect shall be included in the information document."

B. JUSTIFICATION

Paragraph 5.3.9. may be interpreted that safety-belt anchorages are not required for seats capable of being turned to or placed rearward, if the manufacturer declares that the seats are designed only for forward use while travelling, even though the condition or restriction is clearly noted in the information document. However, for the sake of safety, safety-belt anchorages should be provided so long as seats are capable of being turned to or placed rearward when the vehicle is travelling on the road.
