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PROPOSAL FOR DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION No. 16
(Safety belts)

Transmitted by the expert from Japan

Note: The text reproduced below was prepared by the expert from Japan in order to clarify the requirements of the equipment of safety belts. The modifications to the current text of the Regulation are marked in **bold** characters.

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A. PROPOSAL

Paragraph 8.1.10., amend to read:

"8.1.10. In the case of seats capable of being turned to or placed in other orientations, ~~designed for use when the vehicle is stationary~~ **if the vehicle has a structure/mechanism which prevents its motion when any of the seats is in such orientation**, the requirements of paragraph 8.1.1. shall only apply to those orientations designated for normal use when the vehicle is travelling on a road, in accordance with this Regulation."

B. JUSTIFICATION

In the last GRSP session, Japan introduced, for the sake of securing safety, a proposal amending Regulation 14 to avoid the interpretation that safety-belt anchorages were not required for seats capable of being turned to or placed in a rearward position, if the manufacturer declares that the seats are designed only for forward use while travelling (informal document No. GRSP-37-9). In consideration of comments received since the last GRSP session, Japan would like to propose a new document which aims to align paragraph 8.1.10. with the proposed amendments to paragraph 5.3.9. in Regulation No. 14 (TRANS/WP.29/GRSP/2005/17).

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