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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTY-NINTH SESSION** <sup>1, 2</sup>

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
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## II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with Chapter III, Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of WP.29 (TRANS/WP.29/690 and ECE/TRANS/WP.29/690/Amend.1), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

### 2. REGULATION No. 41 - (NOISE OF MOTORCYCLES)

GRB may wish to be informed about the development of the improved noise test measurement method for motorcycles and may wish to consider a proposal from the informal group to amend the Regulation, indicating the agreements reached and identifying the pending questions, if available. Consideration of the indication of the stationary noise value and its possible marking should continue.

### 3. REGULATION No. 51 – (NOISE OF M AND N CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES)

#### (a) Development

GRB agreed to continue consideration of the development of the Regulation.

#### (b) New sound limit values

GRB may wish to be informed by the expert from the European Commission about the two-year monitoring process. GRB may wish to consider questions related to the implementation of the requirements of Annex 10 to the Regulation.

#### (c) Additional sound emission provisions (ASEP)

GRB may wish to consider a proposal to amend the Regulation to be transmitted by the informal group if an agreement is reached by the informal group, if available. GRB agreed to examine the continuation of the work of the informal group, depending on the results of its final sessions.

### 4. REGULATION No. 59 - (REPLACEMENT SILENCING SYSTEMS)

GRB agreed to consider an updated proposal by CLEPA to include into the Regulation requirements on silencers or components filled with absorbing materials, which should also include transitional provisions, to be drafted in conjunction with the secretariat.

5. REGULATION No. 92 - (REPLACEMENT EXHAUST SILENCING SYSTEMS (RESS) FOR MOTORCYCLES)

GRB agreed to consider a proposal by the expert from IMMA similar to that for Regulation No. 59, taking into account the amendments proposed for Regulation No. 41.

6. REGULATION No. 117 - (TYRES ROLLING NOISE AND WET GRIP ADHESION)

Following the decision by the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (GRRF) and the endorsement by WP.29 at its November 2008 session, GRB is expected to consider a revised proposal by the Russian Federation, jointly prepared with the experts from ETRTO, for the insertion into Regulation No. 117 of new provisions to mandate the indication, in the type approval communication form, of the tyre rolling resistance coefficient.

7. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON NOISE LEVELS

GRB welcomes any information received from its experts about the development of national and international requirements on noise levels.

8. INFLUENCE OF ROAD SURFACE ON TYRE ROLLING SOUND EMISSIONS

GRB agreed to continue consideration of this matter and welcomes any information received from its experts on the influence of road surface on tyre rolling sound emissions.

9. COLLECTIVE AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS Nos. 41 (NOISE OF MOTORCYCLES), 51 (NOISE OF M AND N CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES) AND 59 (REPLACEMENT SILENCING SYSTEMS)

GRB agreed to consider a proposal by the expert from the Netherlands regarding the harmonization of definitions in Regulations Nos. 41, 51 and 59, if available.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Clarifications regarding Regulation No. 28 (Audible warning devices)

GRB may wish to provide some clarification on a number of aspects with regard to Regulation No. 28.

(b) GRB might wish to consider any other subject on its agenda.

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