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Programme Performance Report of the 2008-2009 biennium and
Proposal for expected accomplishments of the World Forum for the 2010-2011 biennium

Note by the secretariat

The text reproduced below has been prepared by the secretariat and aims to establish the programme performance report (PPR) of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) for the biennium 2008-2009 and to identify one expected accomplishment for the World Forum for the biennium 2010-2011, together with related indicators of achievements and measurement methodologies. This proposal is submitted to the World Forum for its consideration and, if adopted, for its submission to the Bureau of the Inland Transport Committee in November 2009.

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its sixty-ninth session in February 2007, the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) took note of the 2004-2005 biennial evaluation of the programme of work of the Committee (ECE/TRANS/2007/3). ITC also took note of the biennial evaluations requested by the Commission. The first evaluation was carried out during the 2008-2009 biennium.
2. All Sectoral Committees were requested to agree on expected accomplishments for each of their subsidiary bodies together with related indicators of achievements and measurement methodologies and to present their proposal to the corresponding Sectoral Committee (ECE/TRANS/192, para. 110).
3. The World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) adopted, at its 142nd session in June 2007, an expected accomplishment related to its area of work together with indicators of achievements and measurement technologies and submitted it to the ITC Bureau on the basis of document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2007/36 (see ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1062, para. 19). The secretariat transmitted the adopted expected accomplishment to ITC, which endorsed the proposal (ECE/TRANS/200, para. 118).
4. The proposed accomplishment for WP.29 for the 2008-2009 biennium was the establishment of an improved and updated set of vehicle regulations and rules, including new regulations, new global technical regulations and new rules.
5. The target for the 2008-2009 biennium was the adoption of 90 amendments to existing vehicle regulations and rules including the adoption of new regulations and rules.
6. The performance indicator was the adoption and final publication of the above-mentioned regulations and rules and their amendments in the framework of the three legal instruments administered by the World Forum.
7. The recommended measurement methodology was the verification of the adoption of new regulations and rules and the amendments to them, which shall be conducted in two steps. The first step consisted, following each of the three annual sessions of the World Forum, in the verification of the number of amendments or new regulations and rules adopted as indicated in the report of the sessions. The second step consisted in the verification of the entry into force of the new regulations and rules as well as their amendments as reflected in the status documents of the three Agreements administered by WP.29. These documents on the status of the concerned Agreements are prepared by the secretariat just before the three annual sessions of WP.29.

II. VERIFICATION OF THE ADOPTED ACCOMPLISHMENT DURING THE BIENNIUM 2008-2009

8. Pending of the adoption by WP.29 at its November 2009 session of 38 proposed amendments to Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement and the adoption by the Executive Committee (AC.3) of the 1998 Agreement of a global technical regulation (gtr) on Non-Road Mobile Machinery and three amendments to existing gtrs established in the Global Registry of global technical regulations, WP.29 and AC.3 adopted 159 Amendments to existing vehicle regulations and 4 new vehicle regulations during the 2008-2009 biennium. If all the proposals are adopted at the November 2009 session of WP.29, the total number of amendments will reach 199 plus six new vehicle regulations.

9. The number of the above-mentioned vehicle regulations and amendments that entered into force at the moment of the preparation of this document was 135. The difference between the date regulations and amendments are adopted and their entry into force is due to the fact that the administrative and legal process for the entry into force of new Regulations annexed to the 1958 Agreement and their amendments takes a minimum of seven months.

III. PROPOSED ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE BIENNIUM 2010-2011

10. The reduction of the number of dead and injured people due to road accidents continues to be one of the targets of the General Assembly. Increasing vehicle's safety, through new vehicle regulations and updating them to the technical progress, can considerably contribute to this target.

11. Vehicle regulations on reduction on emissions and energy efficiency is the way to impose a more efficient use of energy as well as to reduce the emissions of pollutants and noise levels due to transport activities, being essential to the development of a sustainable transport system. In addition, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions for the transport sector is another of the priorities of the general Assembly. The reduction of vehicle emissions, including CO₂, can be achieved through the adoption and updating of new vehicle regulations.

12. The amendment of existing vehicle regulations, given the development of scientific knowledge on vehicle safety and its environmental performance, the increased public awareness and political demand and advances in motor vehicle technology, is therefore proposed as the expected accomplishment of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations for the 2010-2011 biennium.

13. The proposed accomplishment for WP.29 for the 2010-2011 biennium is the establishment of an improved and updated set of vehicle regulations and rules, including new regulations, new global technical regulations and new Rules.

14. The target for the 2010-2011 biennium will be the adoption of 105 amendments to existing vehicle regulations and rules including the adoption of new regulations and rules.

15. The performance indicator will be the adoption and final publication of the above-mentioned vehicle regulations and rules and their amendments in the framework of the three legal instruments administered by the World Forum.

16. The recommended measurement methodology will be the verification of the adoption of new regulations and rules and the amendments to them, which shall be conducted in two steps. The first step will consist, following each of the three annual sessions of the World Forum, in the verification of the number of amendments or new regulations and rules adopted as indicated in the report of the sessions. The second step will consist in the verification of the entry into force of the new regulations and rules as well as their amendments as reflected in the status documents of the three Agreements administered by WP.29. These documents on the status of the concerned Agreements are prepared by the secretariat just before the three annual sessions of WP.29.

17. A report, to be prepared by the secretariat on the accomplishment of the objectives of the 2010-2011 biennium, will be presented to WP.29 at its November 2011 session for formal adoption and transmission to the ITC for consideration at its February 2012 session.

18. The secretariat is requested to transmit this programme performance report of the 2008-2009 biennium as well as this proposal on the expected accomplishment for 2010-2011,

including its target, the performance indicator and the recommended measurement methodology to the ITC Bureau in November 2009.
