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JOINT INFORMATION FROM JAPAN AND GERMANY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INFORMAL GROUP GTR 9 PHASE 2 TO PREPARE AMENDMENTS ON THE UN GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATION No. 9

AND THE DRAFT UN REGULATION ON PEDESTRIAN PROTECTION

At the 154th session of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and the 32nd session of the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement it was agreed to set up an informal group to solve the pending issues for the incorporation of the Flex-PLI in Phase 2 of the UN GTR No. 9 and in the draft UN Regulation on pedestrian safety, subject to the submission to WP.29 and to AC.3 of appropriate terms of references (document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/1091, paras. 36 and 100).

Japan and Germany would like to inform the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement that this informal group named IG GTR9 Phase 2 will be co-sponsored by Japan and Germany. The informal group has started its work on 03 November 2011 with a Constitutional Meeting to draft a document on the terms of references, the operating principles, the schedule and the work plan. At this occasion the participants agreed to the proposal of Japan and Germany that the informal group will be managed by Germany (chair), Japan (vice-chair) and OICA (secretary).

The first meeting of the informal group is planned to be held on 01 and 02 December 2011 to start the technical discussion and to finalise the draft document on the terms of references, the operating principles, the schedule and the work plan for submission for the  $50^{th}$  session of GRSP on 06-09 December 2011. It is planned to propose this document to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations at the  $156^{th}$  session and to the Executive Committee of the 1998 Agreement at its  $34^{th}$  session.