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Brief report on the sixth session of the IWG on ITS

Short session in conjunction with the session of the Task Force on Vehicular Communication

1. Attendance and opening remarks

1. The Informal Working Group (IWG) on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) held its sixth session on 23 June 2023 (9.30am-10.30am), hosted from Geneva as a hybrid session (with in person and remote participants), before the start of the second session of the Task Force on Vehicular Communications (TF on VC, see VCTF-03-02).

2. 65 experts from 15 Contracting Parties (Austria, Canada, China, Finland, France, Denmark, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK), and United States of America), 1 International Organization (ITU) and 8 Non-Governmental Organizations (AAPC, CLEPA, ERTICO, ETSI, IMMA, OICA, and SAE International) attended the meeting. An expert from the European Commission (Joint Research Center) also participated.

3. The IWG welcomed Mr. Ian Yarnold, representative of the United Kingdom, Co-Chair of the IWG on ITS, noting that he would no longer attend sessions of the Group as he retired. He declared that this IWG was critical for WP.29 as it initiated several workstreams of importance, such as the activities on cybersecurity, on software updates and also the activities on Validation Method for Automated Driving (VMAD). He recalled that the IWG on VMAD under GRVA was initially a subgroup of the IWG on ITS/AD. He recommended that the group pursue its activities in the same spirit and continues about the « What's next ? ». The IWG thanked him for his exceptional contributions to the IWG and to WP.29, and wished him a happy retirement.

4. The Group agreed to select Mr. Duncan Kay, representative of the United Kingdom, as Co-Chair of the IWG on ITS, together with the other Co-Chairs (Ms. Jane Doherty, USA and Mr. Takashi Naono, Japan).

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Documentation: Working paper ITS-06-01

5. The IWG adopted the agenda for the sixth session.

3. Revised Publication on Intelligent Transport Systems

Documentation: *https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LS-kaP4PpRGnrY4T7FJG4U2GC48hm3oTbbWf_1CA2A0/edit*

6. The IWG on ITS was briefed on the status of the revised publication on ITS. It invited stakeholders to comment the document until end of September 2023 and noted that the Group would be consulted to resolve conflicting input, if any.

4. UNECE Road Map on Intelligent Transport Systems

Documentation: (ECE/TRANS/2021/15)

7. The IWG on ITS discussed the need to prepare for the post 2025 situation (i.e. after the period 2021–2025) of the current UNECE Road Map on Intelligent Transport Systems (ECE/TRANS/2021/15). The Group considered organizing a dedicated meeting to this issue, possibly in November 2023 and agreed to keep this item on the agenda for the next session. It invited delegations to reflect on this item until the next session.

8.   The Group decided to prioritize the reporting activities and prepare the reporting of the IWG and its task force at the November 2023 session to brief WP.29 in November this year and ITC in February 2024.

5.   Activities on Vehicular Communication

Documentation: GRVA-16-43

9.   The IWG on ITS was informed of the progress made by the Task Force on Vehicular Communication (TF on VC).

6.   Any other business

10.   The IWG discussed on the possible ways to address the task, which was given by ITC to WP.29 and then passed on to the Group (see *ECE/TRANS/328, para. 70* on the request to WP.29, to make proposals on possible future activities on regulatory tools for harmonized communication between vehicles and Electrical Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE), taking into consideration related and already existing standards and/ or protocols.)

11.   The Group discussed the best possible format for conducting this discussion. It agreed that the Task Force on Vehicular Communication was in the discovery phase and that it would cover that point, until more specific tasks are allocated.

7.   Closure

12.   The Co-Chairs closed the sixth session of the IWG at the end of the second session of the TF on VC. The Group endorsed the decision to organize an Electric Vehicle Workshop - Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X): Electric Vehicle Charging, Communication and Infrastructure at the end of August 2023.

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