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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF
THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UN EVE WORKING GROUP

Subject: Renewal EVE working group, scope of work, timing and lead of subgroups

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for consulting us on the way forward regarding the activities of the EVE working group. We have taken note of the draft document which you have forwarded to us and we understand that it is derived from documents ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2014/81 and ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2014/88, both on the agenda of the WP29 session in November 2014 for endorsement by AC.3. We have scrutinised the contents of the path forward document and have added our comments in the attached document in track changes. We have also reviewed the draft mandate ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2014/88 and will submit an informal working document to WP29 with the kind request to take our comments into account. Obviously we are open to discuss our comments at the next occasion in the EVE group. Unfortunately there are two issues that prevent us to agree on the proposed way forward.

We are concerned with the overlap of activities between the proposed EVE subgroups on one hand and the WLTP, L-EPPR and HDH working groups on the other hand, in particular regarding the activities under point 5.1. (vehicle range and energy consumption testing) and point 5.2. (method of stating energy consumption). In our view these items are already in the scope of work of the other UN working groups and overlapping work with any new EVE subgroup may interfere with the mandate, objectives and deliverables of those working groups (taking into account that despite the fact that the HD Hybrid group activities are currently paused but we believe that there is a need to continue with its activities). We think therefore that points 5.1 and 5.2 should not be in the draft mandate of the EVE IWG. It may of course be possible that other IWGs identify particular needs for EVE work in this respect, but this should be initiated by the other groups leading on these issues.

Our second concern is the proposed timing which in our view is too ambitious. We recommend extending the timeframe necessary to execute robust scientific work and review of the results by GRPE and WP29 AC.3 until 2017 for phase A and only after finalising and agreeing on the fundamental scientific work and to review if further steps are needed. In addition we feel that there needs to be sufficient time taken to exchange views with the abovementioned other working groups so as to benefit from the expertise and knowhow of all the working group experts. Also we require sufficient time to exchange views with the Member States and our stakeholders to provide you with one European position.

In summary we support the proposed activities of the EVE group and its subgroups under the assumption that our comments can be taken into account. For the proposed subgroup for the determination of powertrain performance (power and torque) we are proposing Mr Hans Holdik (DE) to lead this work.

Best regards,

Philippe Jean
Head of Unit

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Jean', written in a cursive style.