

Proposal for revised terms of reference for the Informal Working Group on Acceleration Control for Pedal Error (ACPE)

I. Proposal

A. Terms of Reference

1. The Informal Working Group (IWG) will develop a draft regulatory proposal to make a new UN-GTR on Acceleration Control for Pedal Error (ACPE) . This UN-GTR text of the regulation is expected to be adopted at the 26th session of GRVA (September 2026), then endorsed at WP.29 at their 201th session in March 2027.
2. For the constructing new UN-GTR on ACPE, the IWG shall:
 - a. review the UN Regulation on ACPE to be applied to the situation in Contracting Parties to the 1998 Agreement.
 - b. modify the UN Regulation, **if necessary**, and add the necessary provisions for a new draft UN GTR on ACPE.
 - c. prepare a draft UN GTR on ACPE for submission to GRVA for adoption.
3. The IWG shall take account of developments and work in cooperation with other subsidiary Working Parties (GRs) of WP.29 and their IWGs. ~~The IWG shall check the coexistence with road traffic conventions (1949 Geneva convention and 1968 Vienna convention), if necessary~~
4. Text shall, to the fullest extent possible, be performance based and technology neutral.
5. The IWG will deliver a new UN-GTR on ACPE for the September 2026 session of GRVA.

B. Rules of Procedure

1. The IWG shall report to GRVA and is open to all participants of WP.29.
2. Tree Co-Chairs (Japan, Germany and [Canada/the United States of America]) and a Secretary (OICA) will manage the IWG.
3. The Co-Chairs may invite experts (at their discretion), including non-participants of WP.29, to assist in the development of technical standards.
4. The working language of the IWG will be English.
5. All documents and/or proposals must be submitted to the Secretary of the relevant group in a suitable electronic format in advance of the meeting. The group may refuse to discuss any item or proposal which has not been circulated five working days in advance to the meeting.
6. An agenda and related documents will be circulated to all members of the IWG in advance of all scheduled meetings.
7. Decisions will be reached by consensus. When consensus cannot be reached, the Co-Chairs of the group shall present the different points of view to GRVA. The Co-Chairs may seek guidance from GRVA as appropriate.
8. The progress of the IWG will be reported routinely to GRVA – wherever possible as an informal document and presented by the Co-Chairs.

9. All documents shall be distributed in digital format. Meeting documents should be made available to the Secretary for publication on the dedicated website.
10. Final decision on proposals rests with WP.29 and the Contracting Parties.

II. Justification

1. At WP.29 in June 2024, WP.29 agreed to the revision of the ToR of ACPE IWG which will investigate a Global Technical Regulation compatible with the 1998 Agreement for consideration and possible adoption by the 1998 Agreement until March 2025.
 2. The IWG on ACPE will submit a new series of amendments for ACPE regulation at GRVA in January 2025.
 3. The IWG will review the UN Regulation on ACPE to check that it can be applied to the situation in Contracting Parties to the 1998 Agreement, and any other necessary refinements to the draft UN-GTR to be submitted to the September 2026 session of GRVA.
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