

UN GRSP IWG Equitable Occupant Protection (EqOP)

Minutes of the 9th meeting, which was held on April 3, 2025.

45 on-line participants, from Contracting Parties (CPs) and Industry.

Adoption of the agenda

Approved with change of item order.

Approval of minutes of the 8th meeting

Approved.

Report to GRSP May 2025 (77th session)

The chairs presented a draft report in the form of a ppt, the 'Draft EqOP May_2025-04-03'. N.B. – it was circulated to the participants after the meeting. This report, a review of concerned UN regulations as outlined in the Terms of Reference, has been drafted by the chairs for the GRSP May 2025 session. The content was discussed. The OICA and CLEPA experts, respectively, raised objections stating that the work should have been prepared jointly and that there is a need for more time to check the content. The OICA and CLEPA experts raised concerns that some of the points presented have not been discussed in the last six months and would require more discussion in the IWG. The chairs explained that the review is based on the working table, which was prepared together and is online on the UN wiki since early 2024. Some of the gaps presented have been regularly discussed, some have not been prioritized, but as a matter of completeness we should report why they have not been prioritized and which of them could potentially be addressed by VCT. The chairs said that this is not a report on the work for the last six months but summarizes discussions since the very beginning of the EqOP. The chairs further stated that in the last GRSP it became clear that the prioritization in the IWG should become more transparent, which is one aim of the current report, i.e., the priorities decided during the last GRSP are now mapped to the regulations to define precise next steps. The chairs mentioned finally that the review is a first gap analysis only indicating opportunities for improved equitability and that the work starts now to make in-depth analyses to be able to define proposals for upgrades to the regulations in point. Feedback on this presentation (ppt) was requested by April 17 at the latest.

Decision list

The decision list is out for review. It was not addressed in the meeting due to lack of time.

Confirmation of consensus on any action items

Feedback on 'Draft EqOP May_2025-04-03' is requested by April 17 at the latest.

Next meeting of the IWG

April 24 (2025) starting at 12.30 CET (on-line meeting).