Draft of Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure of the informal group of GRSG on visibility and detection of vulnerable road users

A. Terms of Reference

1. The informal group shall develop a draft regulatory proposal for a [new] UN Regulation on visibility and detection of vulnerable road users to be annexed to the 1958 Agreement in order to establish uniform technical requirements for such visibility and detection of vulnerable road users to prevent accidents by enabling the driver to notice any vulnerable road users around or behind the vehicle.

2. When developing the regulatory proposal, the group should take into account existing data and research. Furthermore, it should consider pre-existing standards and national legislations for visibility and detection of vulnerable road users.

3. The group shall focus on visibility and detection of vulnerable road users for vehicles of categories M, N and O.

4. The target completion date for the work of the informal group shall be the 115th session of GRSG in 2018.

5. The informal group is expected to propose to GRSG a draft text for a UN Regulation on visibility and detection of vulnerable road users. The adoption process remains under the responsibility of GRSG, WP.29 and AC.1 in line with the administrative procedures defined in the 1958 Agreement.

B. Rules of Procedure

1. The informal group is a subsidiary working group of GRSG, and is open to all Contracting Parties to the Agreements administered by WP.29, vehicle manufacturers and their suppliers, Technical Services, and the participants of all the working parties (GRs) subsidiary to WP.29.

2. A Chairman and a Secretary will manage the informal group.

a. The chairmanship shall be under the responsibility of Japan.
b. The co-chairmanship shall be under the responsibility of the European Commission.

c. The secretariat shall be under the responsibility of OICA.

3. The working language of the informal group will be English.

4. All documents and/or proposals shall be submitted to the Secretary of the 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 10 working days in advance.

5. An agenda and related documents will be made available on the website by the Secretary, in advance of all scheduled meetings.

6. Decisions will be reached by consensus. When consensus cannot be reached, the Chairman of the group shall present the different points of view to GRSG. The Chairman may seek guidance from GRSG, as appropriate.

7. The progress of the informal group will be routinely reported to GRSG – wherever possible as an informal document and presented by the Chairman, the Co-chairman, the Secretary or their representative(s).

8. All working documents should be distributed in digital format. Meeting documents should be made available to the Secretary for publication on the website of WP.29.