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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and, with reference to Japan's submission of a status report on the regulations established under the AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHING OF GLOBAL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FOR WHEELED VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS WHICH CAN BE FITTED AND/OR BE USED ON WHEELED VEHICLES, done at Geneva on 25 June 1998, has the honour to submit the following report on the status of Global Technical Regulation (hereinafter referred to as the "UN GTR") No.7, UN GTR No.15 and UN GTR No.4 Amend. 3 in Japan's domestic process in accordance with paragraph 7.4 of Article 7 of the abovementioned Agreement.

UN GTR No. 7: HEAD RESTRAINTS

The Working Party on Passive Safety is working for the amendment of UN GTR No.7. In parallel with responding proactively to the work, UN Regulation No.17 and/or No. 25, which is established under the AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM TECHNICAL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR WHEELED VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT AND PARTS WHICH CAN BE FITTED AND/OR BE USED ON WHEELED VEHICLES AND THE CONDITIONS FOR RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF APPROVALS GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRESCRIPTIONS, will be aligned with the provisions of UN GTR No.7.

The Government of Japan intends to incorporate UN GTR No.7 into its national regulations after the amendment to UN GTR No.7 is established.

UN GTR No. 15: WORLDWIDE HARMONIZED LIGHT VEHICLES TEST PROCEDURE

With regard to test procedure for "emission", the Government of Japan finished the consideration at the "Central Environment Council" in February 2015. Following this process, the Government of Japan drew up a plan to introduce the test procedure for "fuel-efficiency" at the "Council for Transport Policy", etc. in March 2016 and will incorporate UN GTR No.15 into its national regulations under the plan.

UN GTR No. 4 Amend. 3: TEST PROCEDURE FOR COMPRESSION-IGNITION (C.I.) ENGINES AND POSITIVE-IGNITION (P.I.) ENGINES FUELLED WITH NATURAL GAS (NG) OR LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) WITH REGARD TO THE EMISSION OF POLLUTANTS

The Government of Japan is considering whether UN GTR No.4 Amend. 3 can be incorporated into its national regulations.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe the assurances of its highest consideration.

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