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 the status report on the regulations annexed to 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 (hereinafter referred to as the "1998 Agreement"), has the honor to submit the following status report in accordance with Article 7.4 of the abovementioned Agreement.

"Global technical regulation No.9, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY (ECE/TRANS/180/Add.9, hereinafter referred to as "gtr No.9") (Reference is made to the notification ECE/TRANS/2005/124/9 dated 22 January 2009)

At present, works for amending gtr No.9 is being conducted at Working Party on Passive Safety under WP.29 in order to add a leg form impactor for the leg protection test to the gtr. In parallel with proactively responding to the works, the Government of Japan is making a study on amendments to national regulations. The Government of Japan intends to incorporate the gtr into national regulations after the amendments to the gtr are established."

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.

Geneva, 8 January 2010