**Framework document on automated/autonomous driving technology**

As announced at the 2nd session of GRVA in January, WP.29, at its 176th session in November 2018 and following a Web conference, developed a list of priority work items associated with its work concerning automated and connected vehicles (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2019/2). GRVA is responsible for the majority of the work items listed currently.

The first item is the development of a Framework document which should concentrate on developing principles and guidelines governing automated / autonomous vehicles and especially their safety. The content should include all key elements and evaluation methods.

At GRVA the Chair recommended that an initial draft be created by Contracting Parties to the 1958 and 1998 Agreements. GRVA agreed that this work should be proceed quickly and that online meetings should be used to create an initial draft that could be presented to WP.29 for consideration at its 177th session in March 2019. Based on the response from WP.29, GRVA would continue with the development of the Framework document in order to submit it to WP.29 at their 178th session in June 2019.

As announced by the Secretariat, the first WebEx meeting will be on Friday February 22nd and will:

* Agree a common understanding of the purpose of the Framework Document,
* Review GRVA-02-43 and, time permitting, GRVA-02-17 and GRVA-02-44 together with any further contributions from Contracting Parties.
* Agree a schedule of items to be discussed in each WebEx meeting until the March session of WP29
* Agree actions to be completed before the next WebEx meeting.

The following text, developed jointly by the Chair and the co-Chairs of GRVA, proposes the content for the “Purpose” of the Framework document and describes a proposed structure for the document.

**Purpose (Proposal)**

The purpose of the framework document is to:

a) provide a picture of the automated/autonomous driving activities to be dealt under WP.29 and to provide a generic guide for future Resolutions/GTRs/UN Regulations made under the 1958 and/or 1998 Agreements,

b) provide the list of priority topics, the deliverables that are expected and the timeline for their delivery, and

c) identify how the work is organised among the subsidiary Working Parties of WP.29 to deliver these priorities.

**Structure (Subject to change in response to the consideration of the “Purpose”)**

It is proposed that the structure of the Framework Document should be as follows:

1. Purpose
2. Collation and consolidation of existing national and regional guidelines
3. Principles
4. Priority work items
5. Expected deliverables and timeline
6. Distribution of priority work items to individual subsidiary Working Parties by WP.29
7. Task allocation of work items to IWGs
8. Progress review points by WP.29