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UN Regulation No. XXX (Child Restraint Systems for Buses and Coaches)

First progress report

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The progress report reproduced below was prepared by the informal working group (IWG) on Child Restraint System for Buses and Coaches, to describe the process of development of the Regulation.

* In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2018–2019 (ECE/TRANS/274, para. 123 and ECE/TRANS/2018/21/Add.1, Cluster 3.1), the World Forum will develop, harmonize and update UN regulations to enhance the performance of vehicles. The present document is submitted in conformity with that mandate.

First progress report of the informal group on Safer transport of children in buses and coaches.

I. Introduction

1. GRSP agreed to set up an IWG on safer transport of children when traveling in buses and coaches.
2. GRSP agreed to seek the consent of WP.29 to mandate a new IWG to solve the situation of the securing the children when traveling in buses and coaches.

II. Objective of the Informal Group

3. The objective of the group is to develop a new UN Regulation to ensure safer transport of children when traveling in buses and coaches.

III. Background

4. GRSP acknowledged the importance of this issue. However, GRSP expressed the wish that the informal group on child restraints addresses this subject once its work on ECRS (UN R-129) has been completed.
5. After the finalization of the UN R-129, some contracting parties showed their concern about this issue.
6. In the 65th session of GRSP the request for the creation of a new IWG to address this issue was submitted to the GRSP.
7. GRSP agreed to ask to the WP.29 the authorization to create this new IWG.
8. WP.29 agreed to create the new IWG on Safer transport of children in buses and coaches.
9. The first meeting was held in 09th July in Madrid where the Terms of Reference shown in Annex 1 were established.

Annex 1-Terms of Reference

A. Introduction

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2. GRSP agreed to seek the consent of WP.29 to mandate a new IWG to solve the situation of the securing the children when traveling in buses and coaches.

B. Objective of the informal working group.

3. The main objective of the IWG is to create a new UN Regulation to improve the safety of the children when traveling in buses and coaches.
4. To ensure the good retention of the children in the seat when traveling in buses and coaches in order to ensure the same level of protection as the adults and avoid the ejection of the children from their seats.
5. The new UN Regulation will be focused on children from 40 – 150 cm, taking into account different characteristics of M2 and M3 categories.

C. Work plan and time schedule

May 2019	GRSP agreed to set up an IWG on Child Restraint Systems for Buses and Coaches.
June 2019	WP.29 agreed to create the new IWG on CRS in buses and coaches
July 2019	First meeting of the IWG to define the Terms of Reference to be submitted in the sixty six session of the GRSP as a formal document. (Madrid)
October 2019	Second meeting of the IWG
December 2019	Progress Report to GRSP
January 2020	Third meeting of the IWG
April 2020	Forth meeting of the IWG
May 2020	Progress Report to GRSP
July 2020	Fifth meeting of the IWG
October 2020	Sixth meeting of the IWG
December 2020	Progress Report to GRSP
January 2021	Seventh meeting of the IWG
April 2021	Eighth meeting of the IWG
May 2021	Progress Report to GRSP
July 2021	Ninth meeting of the IWG
October 2021	Tenth meeting of the IWG
December 2021	Progress Report to GRSP
January 2022	Eleventh meeting of the IWG
April 2022	Twelfth meeting of the IWG
May 2022	Informal document of the new UN Regulation.

July 2022	Thirteenth meeting of the IWG
October 2022	Fourteenth meeting of the IWG
December 2022	Adoption of UN Regulation No. XXX
March 2023	Submission of the official proposal to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and the Executive Committee for the 1958 Agreement (AC.1) for consideration and vote.

*Additional meetings (including virtual meetings) could be held according to progress in the discussions and the decision of the informal working group.

D. RULES OF PROCEDURE

6. The IWG is a sub-group of Working Party on Passive Safety (GRSP) and is open to all participants of GRSP and GRSG including contracting parties and non-governmental organizations to the 1958 and 1998 agreements.
7. The IWG will report to the GRSP, GRSG and WP.29.
8. The IWG will be lead by Spain and supported by CLEPA for the secretary role.
9. The official language of the IWG will be English.
10. All documents must be submitted to the Secretary of the group in a suitable electronic format at least (10) working days before the meeting. The documents will be posted on the UN website at least (5) working days in advance of the meetings.
11. The Secretary of the IWG will distribute a draft meeting minutes to all members within (15) working days after the meeting with the view to be formally adopted at the next meeting.
12. Decisions and proposals of the group shall be reached by consensus. When consensus cannot be reached, the chairs of the group may present the different points of view and seek guidance from GRSP and GRSG, as appropriate.
13. Meetings shall be held in agreement with the majority of the participants based on the joint proposal by the chairs of the IWG. Meetings may be in person or virtual using web-based technology.
14. A provisional agenda shall be drawn up by the IWG leadership. The first item of the provisional agenda for each session shall be the adoption of the agenda. The second item shall be the minutes of the previous session followed by technical discussions and miscellaneous items.