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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular
Article 114, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) By Council Decision 97/836/EC¹, the Union acceded to the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted to and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions (the ‘Revised 1958 Agreement’). The Revised 1958 Agreement entered into force on 24 March 1998.
- (2) By Council Decision 2000/125/EC², the Union acceded 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 (the ‘Parallel Agreement’). The Parallel Agreement entered into force on 15 February 2000.
- (3) Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council³ lays down administrative provisions and technical requirements for type approval and placing on the market of all new vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units. That Regulation incorporates regulations adopted under the Revised 1958 Agreement (‘UN regulations’) in the EU type approval system, either as requirements for type approval or as alternatives to Union legislation.

¹ Council Decision 97/836/EC of 27 November 1997 with a view to accession by the European Community to the Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted to and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions (‘Revised 1958 Agreement’) (OJ L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 78).

² Council Decision 2000/125/EC of 31 January 2000 concerning the conclusion of 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 (‘Parallel Agreement’) (OJ L 35, 10.2.2000, p. 12).

³ Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, amending Regulations (EC) No 715/2007 and (EC) No 595/2009 and repealing Directive 2007/46/EC (OJ L 151, 14.6.2018, p. 1).

- (4) Pursuant to Article 1 of the Revised 1958 Agreement and Article 6 of the Parallel Agreement, the UNECE World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) may adopt proposals for modifications to UN regulations, UN global technical regulations (UN GTRs) and UN resolutions, and proposals for new UN regulations, UN GTRs and UN resolutions on the approval of vehicles. Moreover, pursuant to those provisions, UNECE WP.29 may adopt proposals for authorisations to develop amendments to UN GTRs or to develop new UN GTRs, and may adopt proposals for the extension of mandates for UN GTRs.
- (5) From 14 to 16 November 2023, during its 191st session, WP.29 may adopt: proposals for modifications to UN regulation Nos 0, 14, 16, 17, 24, 43, 48, 53, 74, 86, 90, 94, 95, 100, 122, 129, 134, 135, 137, 145, 149, 153, 154, 157, 160, 161 and 162; proposals for a new UN regulation on event data recorders for heavy-duty vehicles, and for a new UN regulation on child restraint systems for safer transport of children in buses; and a proposal for an amendment of UN mutual resolution No 1.
- (6) The UN regulations will be binding on the Union. Together with the UN resolution, they will decisively influence the content of Union law in the field of vehicle type approval. Therefore, it is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in WP.29 on the adoption of those proposals.

- (7) In order to reflect experience and technical developments, the requirements for certain aspects or features covered by UN regulation Nos 0, 14, 16, 17, 24, 43, 48, 53, 74, 86, 90, 94, 95, 100, 122, 129, 134, 135, 137, 145, 149, 153, 154, 157, 160, 161 and 162 and UN mutual resolution No 1 need to be amended or supplemented.
- (8) In order to allow for technical progress and to improve safety, a new UN regulation on event data recorders for heavy-duty vehicles and a new UN regulation on child restraint systems for safer transport of children in buses need to be adopted.
- (9) These proposals are in line with the EU internal market policy on the automotive industry regarding safety, automation, and emissions, as well as its transport, climate and energy policies, and have a very positive impact on the competitiveness of the EU automotive sector and on international trade.
- (10) In light of those benefits, it is suggested to vote in favour of those proposals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the 191st session of the UNECE World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations to be held from 14 to 16 November 2023 shall be to vote in favour of the proposals listed in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
