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COUNCIL DECISION

of ...

**on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the 197th session
of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations
of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe**

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.

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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/1997/836/oj>).

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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2000/125/oj>).

- (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 (the ‘UN regulations’) in the EU type-approval system, either as requirements for type-approval or as alternatives to Union legislation.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 1 of the Revised 1958 Agreement and Article 6 of the Parallel Agreement, the 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, 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.

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, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/858/oj>).

- (5) From 11 to 14 November 2025, during its 197th session, WP.29 may adopt: proposals for modifications to, inter alia, UN regulation Nos 0, 10, 16, 46, 48, 49, 62, 73, 79, 83, 90, 100, 105, 107, 121, 127, 129, 131, 134, 145, 148, 149, 154, 156, 171, 173, 174, 175 and 176; a proposal for a new UN GTR on in-vehicle battery durability for electrified heavy-duty vehicles; two proposals for an amendment of the consolidated resolution on the construction of vehicles (R.E.3); a proposal for a corrigendum to mutual resolution No 1 (M.R.1); and a proposal for an amendment to special resolution No 1 (S.R.1).
- (6) In order to reflect field experience and technical developments during the type-approval process, the requirements for certain aspects or features covered by UN regulation Nos 0, 10, 16, 46, 48, 49, 62, 73, 79, 83, 90, 100, 105, 107, 121, 127, 129, 131, 134, 145, 148, 149, 154, 156, 171, 173, 174, 175 and 176 need to be amended or supplemented.
- (7) In order to allow for technological progress and decarbonisation, a new UN GTR on in-vehicle battery durability for electrified heavy-duty vehicles needs to be adopted.
- (8) The UN regulations will be binding on the Union. Together with the UN GTR and UN resolutions they will influence the content of Union legislation 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 as regards the adoption of those proposals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the 197th session of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations to be held from 11 to 14 November 2025 shall be to vote in favour of the proposals listed in the Annex to this Decision.

Minor changes to the draft decision may be agreed to by the representatives of the Union in WP.29, without further decision of the Council.

Article 2

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

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President
