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## AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF UNIFORM CONDITIONS FOR PERIODICAL TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS OF WHEELED VEHICLES AND THE RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF SUCH INSPECTIONS VIENNA, 13 NOVEMBER 1997

## RULE NO. 1. UNIFORM PROVISIONS FOR PERIODICAL TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS OF WHEELED VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENT TO RULE NO. 1

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 19 December 2023, the Secretary-General received from the Administrative Committee of the above Agreement (AC.4), pursuant to article 3 (1) of the Agreement, an amendment to Rule No. 1 proposed at the fourteenth session of the Administrative Committee held in Geneva on 15 November 2023.

The document containing the text of the proposed amendment concerned (ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2023/137) can be accessed on the website of the Sustainable Transport Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe at the following address: https://unece.org/info/events/event/381628.

The Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 3 of the Agreement which read as follows:

"2. An amendment to a Rule will be considered to be adopted unless, within a period of six months from its notification by the Secretary-General, more than one-third of the Contracting Parties applying the Rule at the time of notification have informed the Secretary-General of their disagreement with the amendment. If, after this period, the Secretary-General has not received declarations of disagreement of more than one-third of the Contracting Parties applying the Rule, the Secretary-General shall as soon as possible declare the amendment as adopted and binding upon those Contracting Parties applying the Rule who did not declare themselves opposed to it. When a Rule is amended and at least one-fifth of the Contracting Parties applying the unamended Rule subsequently declare that they wish to continue to apply the unamended Rule, the unamended Rule will be regarded as an alternative to the amended Rule and will be incorporated formally as such into the Rule with effect from the date of adoption of the amendment or its entry into force. In this case the obligations of the Contracting Parties applying the Rule shall be the same as set out in paragraph 1.

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3. Should a new Contracting Party accede to this Agreement between the time of the notification of the amendment to a Rule by the Secretary-General and its entry into force, the Rule in question shall not enter into force for that Contracting Party until two months after it has formally accepted the amendment or two months after the lapse of a period of six months since the communication to that Party by the Secretary-General of the proposed amendment."

21 December 2023