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REPORT

001.1. General

001.1.1. Opening

The 1st meeting of the CITA Regional Committee European Working Groups meeting was opened by the RCEWG Chairperson, Mr Ivars Krauklis, who welcomed all the participants and invited each of them to briefly present themselves as this was the first meeting. Mr Ivars explained that the principle purpose of these meetings will be to co-ordinate WG activities between the different working groups. Mr Labro explained further that CITA is currently in the process to develop a master plan to identify future activities, required resources and priorities. The contribution of information from the working groups is essential for this process. Their assistance in completing and commenting this master plan will be of great importance. The master plan will cover all CITA activities and is not limited to working groups. Taking forward the outcomes of the AUTOFORE study "AUTOFORE 2" will be one of the major projects to be covered by this master plan as well as CITA activities in other regions of the world.

001.1.2. Members present

Mr Ivars KRAUKLIS	RCEWG Chairperson and representative of 'RTSD' (LATVIA)
Prof Dr-Ing CLaus WOLFF	CITA Vice President & Treasurer, RCEWG BP mentor and representative of 'VdTÜV e.V.' (Germany)
Mr Wim LABRO	CITA Executive Directive (Belgium)
Mr Toni VISCIDO	CITA Technical Adviser New Technology of CITA (Germany)
Mr Reiner SAUER	CITA WG Ad-hoc 1 Chairperson and representative of 'DEKRA' (Germany)
Mr Axel RICHTER	CITA WG1 Chairperson and representative of 'TÜV Nord Mobilität' (Germany)
Mr Eduard FERNANDEZ	CITA WG2 Chairperson and representative of 'Applus ⁺ ' (Spain)
Mrs Eva MORGER	CITA WG3 Chairperson and representative of 'Bilprovningen' (Germany)
Mr Ignacio LAFUENTE	CITA WG5 Chairperson and representative of 'IDIADA' (Spain)
Mr Walter RICHTER	CITA WG6 Chairperson and representative of 'bmvit' (Austria)
Dr Eckart von Westerholt	CITA WG7 Chairperson and representative of 'TÜV SÜD' (Germany)

001.1.3. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously. The last edition of the PowerPoint agenda is added under annex I.

001.2. Present and discuss Working Groups (WGs) Governance.

Mr Labro presented the model which was welcomed by the group and accepted to be used for the future. This RCEWG meeting is a first step in its implementation at regional level for Europe and at global level it will be covered at the Council meeting to which all the chairpersons of the Regional Advisory Group are participating and will represent the working groups in their region together with the CITA Global Technical Advisers. He also announced the major upgrade of the CITA website for 2007. The website will have a public and a "members only" section. The documents of the recent and future working groups meetings will be published on this website for consultation by members. Mr Sauer suggested publishing important documents on the CITA website, not necessary related to working groups, but of interest to periodic vehicle inspection for comments. The group welcomed very much this idea. Mr Labro took note and will check for possibilities to integrate it in the CITA website upgrade.

001.3. Presentation by each working group

Each chairperson made a presentation on his working group of which a copy is attached to this report. The majority of the chairpersons highlighted the importance of the need for additional resources if the work of working groups must be taken forward into more detailed work, projects and research. The working groups are especially concentrating on exchanging information (gathering best practices) and developing the concepts and writings recommendations but it is not realistic to get them deeply involved in the more detailed work. Mr Labro explained this issue is an integrated part of the process for the master plan and that priorities will be put based on the resources available. Resources can be internal or external. Work can be taken forward in a working group, sub working group, funded projects by a group of CITA members, external funding or a combination.

The following actions were already decided:

- Mr Richter (WG1) will draft a detailed forward plan for future actions on emission requirements with regard to L category vehicles.
- Mr Fernandez (WG2) will draft a detailed forward plan for the future actions on databases for periodical vehicle inspections. He also made clear that the intention is to work on the concept of database and not on the technical implementation what is considered to be the responsibility of each operator.
- Mr Lafuente (WG5) will draft a detailed forward plan for L category vehicles with regard to brakes.
- Mr Nissler (WG6) will act as coordinator for the work on L category vehicles between the different working groups in Europe.
- Dr Von Westerholt (WG7) will draft a forward plan on how to take forward the activities on the recommendation for testing new technologies. The concept for the current principal systems is almost finished in the current draft document but further work on details for test procedures and future systems to be covered is needed.
- Mr Labro will develop templates to be completed by the relevant persons with their action plan details. The forward plan will include actions, objectives, justification, timeframe and estimated resources in € and manpower. Objectives should be presented from an internal and external point of view, where relevant. Further comments can be given separately. A template to be completed with suggestions for future study proposals will be drafted by Mr Labro and circulated to all working group chairpersons to be completed and returned to the CITA Secretariat. After having received the information Mr Labro will consolidate the collected details into

the Master Plan. All involved chairpersons are asked to report to the CITA Secretariat within 2 weeks after having received these minutes.

The objective is to provide the Bureau Permanent at its next meeting to be held early Sept. 2007 with sufficient details to make a first decision on priorities for the Master Plan including the comments and suggestions by the CITA Working Groups.

001.4. **Presentation of the Outcomes of the AUTOFORE Project.**

Mr Krauklis summarised the outcomes of AUTOFORE followed by a detailed discussion of the document "Draft plan for AUTOFORE Follow-up work (AF2)" previously approved by the Bureau Permanent on its last meeting held on 27 April. The discussed items are listed here.

- **Item 1 on short term amendments to 96/96/EC Directive**
All working groups are currently finalizing work to support these objectives.
To support further work it was suggested to involve Insurance companies and OEM's. This is especially related to the longer term objectives.
- **Item 2 on improving efficiency and effectiveness of PTI**
The CITA Secretariat will distribute a template to confirm future projects and studies with the working group chairpersons. The chairpersons will make a first reply within the 2 weeks after the date of this report. The CITA secretariat will consolidate these into one document and circulate it again for comments.
WG5 is working on improved brake test methods and Mr Lafuente will develop a forward plan give an overview of the required actions however for some issues it is expected that they will be very difficult to make progress.
Dr van Westerholt will draft a forward plan to identify the required actions on inspection procedures for electronically controlled systems. It is expected not to be a problem to develop concepts by 2008 but additional resources will be required for trials on vehicles.
- **Item 4.1 on obtaining better information about reliability of electronically controlled systems**
Mr Eduard pointed out that the TRACE project could give good information for this issue.
- **Item 4.2 on obtaining better information about the contribution of developments in vehicle technology to road safety and environmental protection.**
It was suggested that round tables with car manufacturers and OEMs should be initiated under the umbrella of CITA.
- **Item 4.3 on obtaining better information about the relationship between defects and crashes.**
VOSA needs to be contacted on this subject as they have currently running a project on this matter.
- **Item 6.1 on promoting more continuous compliance through a kind of "In Use Reliability Index".**
Several members have already such activities ongoing. (TÜV report and Bilprovningen report) CITA should take the lead in promoting this based on these existing reports and raise it to a higher European level.
- **Item 6.2 on promoting more continuous compliance through increasing obligations on commercial vehicle operators to maintain their vehicles.**
Mr Sauer raised his concern that this would be putting their core business to individuals.

- **Item 7 on ensuring that Directives and Regulations are kept up to date as an ongoing process.**

The activities under the different WP29, GR activities need closer attention by CITA. The Bureau Permanent already initiated a BP subcommittee on WP29 activities which held its first meeting on 9 May. It will overview and coordinate the work by CITA with regard to WP29. Mr Labro together with the chairperson of this BP subcommittee will follow-up the work under the 1997 agreement based on the WP29 meetings. However there is also the need to follow up and prepare paper for the different GRs under WP29. It was agreed that CITA members represented in this meeting will provide technical specialist to monitor the work in the GRs and to inform the CITA Secretariat on issues relevant for periodical vehicle inspections. Drafting document and representing CITA will not be automatically included and will be decided case by case how to be handled. Job share:

- o WP29 meetings: CITA Secretariat (Mr Labro) and BP Sub-committee Chairperson (Mr Gonderinger)
- o GRPE on emissions under Mr Richter by TÜV Nord
- o GRRF on brakes under Mr Lafuente by IDIADA – Applus +
- o GRE on lighting Installations under Mr Mr Fernandez by Applus +
- o GRB on noise under Mr Richter by TÜV Nord
- o ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems) under Mr Fernandez by Applus +

001.5. Miscellaneous

Mr Labro informed the group on the location and dates for the 2008 and 2009 CITA Conferences. The 2008 conference will take place in Portugal in April-May and will be hosted by ANCIA. The 2009 Conference will take place in Sweden from 12-16 Oct. and will be hosted by Bilprovningen. The theme for the 2008 conference will be "Medium and Long Term Developments for Roadworthiness Enforcement." Together with interactive workshops based on "Outcomes of the AUTOFORE Project" and "CITA Vehicle Inspection Guidelines Manual".

The group asked to be informed as soon as possible on the final dates for the 2008 conference.

001.6. Working Group on training

Mr Labro confirmed that 11 members confirmed their interest to participate as an active member to such a working group. The principle objectives will be the exchange information on experiences with the different training methods and to evaluate possibilities for a common e-learning platform. Currently there was nobody who has put forward a chairperson for this working group and therefore the group suggested to keep first an informal meeting with those who have already confirmed their interest in this working group and decide afterwards how to take it forward.

001.7. Working Group on 2 & 3 Wheelers for Asia

The first meeting is scheduled for Sept. 2007. No chairperson has been selected. Mr Baumgartl from NCT in Ireland has shown interest to act as chairperson and could then also give input from Europe.

001.7.1. Others

No other issues were raised.

001.8. Date and place of the next meeting

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No date was fixed. Mr Wim Labro suggested that the Committee should meet at least once a year and additional meetings could be held if necessary. The group agreed that the conference was a good opportunity for the Committee to meet together with a meeting in between 2 conferences.

001.9. Closure

As all the items on the agenda had been discussed, the Chairperson thanked all the participants for their co-operation and closed the meeting.

Annexes:

- PowerPoint Agenda and presentation by Mr Fernandez.
- Other presentations made during the meeting by the chairpersons will be sent as soon as they are available.