Report of the Committee of Technical Experts’ standing working group TECH and ad-hoc safety subgroup for the 6th session of the Committee of Technical Experts, Geneva, 12-13 June 2013 (activities since the 5th session of CTE)

1. Results of the 5th session of the Committee of Technical Experts (May 2012)

The following regulations were adopted at the 5th session of the Committee of Technical Experts (CTE) held in Bern on 23 and 24 May 2012:

1. Uniform Technical Prescriptions (UTP)
   a. UTP WAG, including 32 Annexes.
   b. UTP NOI.
      Both UTP were subsequently notified on 26 June 2012 and entered into force on 1 December 2012.

2. Uniform format of certificates (for Type & Operation). The documents were subsequently notified on 26 June 2012 and entered into force on 1 December 2012.

3. Amendment to explanatory notes to Article 15 § 3 ATMF “ensure-ascertain”. This amendment will be submitted to the Revision Committee,

4. Amendment to the English and German versions of document A 94-20/1.2009 (National Vehicle Register). The French version was adopted later using the written procedure. On 27 September the document was notified in all three languages. It entered into force on 1 March 2013.

The ATMF Annex B regulations: The rules on derogations according to Article 7a ATMF were postponed from the 5th session of the CTE to the 6th session of the CTE for adoption.

2. Activities of the standing working group TECH

The standing working group TECH (WG TECH) held three meetings:

- 17th meeting on 4 and 5 September 2012 in Bern
- 18th meeting on 7 and 8 November 2012 in Košice
- 19th meeting on 13 and 14 February 2013 in Bern.
The following documents were prepared for and discussed by WG TECH:

- Rules on derogations according to Article 7a ATMF
- Process for dealing with errors in UTPs
- Ad-hoc safety subgroup’s recommendations
- Uniform Technical Prescriptions (UTP):
  - Revised UTP WAG
  - Revised UTP GEN-G
- National technical requirements – notification, publication, EU – OTIF cooperation
- Update of the Rules for Registration of VKM code adopted at the 3rd session of CTE (February 2009)
- Establishing a joint OTIF – ERA register for ECM certification bodies and certified ECM
- Amendment of Article 20 § 3 of the Convention
- Draft agenda for the 6th session of the CTE on 12 and 13 June 2013.

WG TECH prepared the following documents for the attention of the CTE:

- For adoption by the CTE at its 6th session in June 2013:
  - Amendment of Article 20 § 3 of the Convention
  - Revised UTP WAG
  - Amended UTP GEN-G
  - ATMF Annex B: Rules on derogations according to Article 7a ATMF.

- For information at the 6th session of CTE in June 2013:
  - Process for dealing with deficiencies in UTPs

3. Activities of the safety subgroup

After discussing the safety management provisions in COTIF, particularly those relating to the revised WAG TSI, the 5th session of the CTE mandated WG TECH to set up an ad-hoc subgroup based on terms of reference drafted by the Secretariat. The 17th meeting of WG TECH adopted the terms of reference and established the ad-hoc safety subgroup. This subgroup met for the first time in November 2012, just before the 18th meeting of WG TECH, and tasked the Secretariat to prepare a document on preliminary analyses and conclusions. After its second meeting in January 2013, the subgroup set out its analyses and conclusions in a document for the attention of the WG TECH. The document has been translated into French and German and forwarded to the CTE for information.

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1 To be submitted to the Revision Committee.