Proposal to create a new Informal Working Group on harmonized technical regulatory frameworks for Electric Vehicles (EV) / Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles (HFCV) retrofit systems

1. Following the introduction of WP.29-194-15 during the November 2024 session of WP.29, the experts from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain and Sweden, as well as representatives from CITA and Retrofit Mobility Europe (RME) met to discuss a potential way forward for the activities on EV/HFCV retrofit systems under the framework of WP.29. The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was excused and did not participate to the meetings.
2. The experts discussed a potential governance for the activity under the WP.29 umbrella as well as possible leadership for the forthcoming activity. They acknowledged the cross-cutting nature of the work in which the work of all GRs could be used.
3. The experts agreed to request WP.29 to initiate a new IWG on EV/HFCV Retrofit Systems reporting directly to WP.29 at its next session in March 2025.
4. The representatives of France and Spain volunteered to be candidate to co-chair the activity. The representatives of CITA and RME (pending approval by WP.29/AC.2), volunteered to be candidate to become co-secretaries of the activity.
5. The experts invite all interested WP.29 stakeholders to take part in this activity and to reach out to the UNECE secretariat to be included in the distribution list of the activity.
6. The experts have initiated the development of draft Terms of Reference that are expected to be submitted for WP.29’s consideration at the June 2025 session of WP.29.
7. The experts are requesting WP.29 to deliberate on the creation of this new IWG on EV/HFCV Retrofit Systems, and, if relevant, to add a standing agenda item on WP.29’s agenda to report on progress by the group at forthcoming sessions of WP.29.