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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, within the Administrative Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe regarding the draft Regulation on uniform provisions concerning the approval of Retrofit Emission Control Devices (REC) for heavy duty vehicles, agricultural and forestry tractors and non-road mobile machinery equipped with compression ignition engines

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concerning the approval of Retrofit Emission Control Devices (REC)
for heavy duty vehicles, agricultural and forestry tractors
and non-road mobile machinery equipped with compression ignition engines**

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 ('Revised 1958 Agreement').
- (2) The standardised requirements of the draft UNECE Regulation on uniform provisions concerning the approval of Retrofit Emission Control Devices (REC) for heavy duty vehicles, agricultural and forestry tractors and non-road mobile machinery equipped with compression ignition engines² are intended to remove technical barriers to the trade of REC devices between the Contracting Parties to the Revised 1958 Agreement and to ensure that such systems offer a high level of performance and environmental protection.
- (3) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the Administrative Committee of the Revised 1958 Agreement concerning the adoption of the draft UNECE Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

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).

² UNECE Document ECE TRANS/WP.29/GRPE/2013/6.

Sole Article

The position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, represented by the Commission, within the Administrative Committee of the Revised 1958 Agreement shall be to vote in favour of the draft UNECE Regulation on uniform provisions concerning the approval of Retrofit Emission Control Devices (REC) for heavy duty vehicles, agricultural and forestry tractors and non-road mobile machinery equipped with compression ignition engines, as contained in document ECE TRANS/WP.29/2013/119.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
