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Implementation of the OECD Standard Codes for the Official Testing of Agricultural
and Forestry Tractors**

**DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE NATIONAL DESIGNATED AUTHORITIES OF THE OECD TRACTOR CODES**

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SUMMARY

1. Mr Hoy was confirmed as Chair for the next two years.
2. The Summary Record of the 2008 Annual Meeting was adopted subject to the addition of a note from the French delegation.
3. The Summary Records of the two Technical Working Group Meetings held in 2008 were also adopted.
4. It was agreed that both the February 2008 and February 2009 editions of the Codes will be valid until the end of the 2009 calendar year. From 1 January 2010, only the February 2009 edition will be valid.
5. The technical extension procedure [TAD/CA/T(2009)3] will be returned to the Technical Working Group Meetings (TWG) for further discussion.
6. The proposal TAD/CA/T(2009)4 was adopted for Code 6 and 7 with the reduction of the mass from 600 kg to 400 kg and the original wording stays unchanged.
7. The proposal TAD/CA/T(2009)5 on seatbelt anchorage test to test only the heaviest seat was adopted.
8. In relation to item 13.2, the UK delegation agreed to prepare a technical paper on seat belt anchorage test for the next TWG to define the worst case scenario. No decision was taken on document TAD/CA/T(2009)7.
9. The progress report of the Scientific Working Group (SWG) was accepted. The University of Bologna was encouraged to undertake the roll-over tests as soon as possible and provide the results to the SWG.
10. The meeting agreed to establish a task force to examine the approval procedure for allocating the OECD approval numbers with a view to improving the efficiency of the process. Delegates wishing to participate should inform the Secretariat before 31 March 2009.
11. The meeting did not approve the proposed increase in approval fees. Thus, the fees will remain the same in 2009 as in 2008.
12. The meeting did not adopt document TAD/CA/T(2009)11 (Code 4 harmonised with ISO 5700). It was agreed that delegates will provide written comments by 15 April 2009 to the Secretariat. These technical comments will be discussed at the next TWG in June 2009. Subject to agreement at the TWG, a final version of the document will be submitted to delegates for approval.
13. The meeting agreed that Code 10 will be the next Code to be harmonised under the MoU with ISO.
14. Delegates were invited to send written comments on the tender under which the CC is currently working, with a view to take these comments (to be provided by 6 March) into consideration in the preparation of the new tender for 2010-2012.
15. Delegates were invited to send written comments on the Provisional Draft Agenda for the Test Engineers' Conference to be held in Korea in September by 31 March.
16. Mr Liberatori was elected as next Chair-elect.

Meeting Schedule 2009/2010

- Technical Working Group Meeting, 1-3 June, Spain
- 15th Test Engineers' Conference, 21-23 September, Korea
- Technical Working Group Meeting, 24-25 September, Korea
- 2010 Annual Meeting on OECD Tractor Codes, 23-24 February 2010, OECD, Paris
- Turkey proposed to host one of the Technical Working Group Meeting in 2010.
- Italy proposed to host one of the Technical Working Group Meeting in 2010.

1. Opening statement by the Secretariat

The Chair opened the meeting and the Secretariat gave a brief report on developments since the 2008 Annual Meeting. Specially designed notepads and bookmarks were distributed to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the OECD Tractor Codes. Mr Jones, Head of the Agro-food Trade and Markets Division of the OECD, congratulated all delegates for the excellent results of the In-Depth Evaluation of the Codes and Schemes.

2. Election of Officers

Mr Hoy (US) was confirmed as Chair and Mr Lampel (Austria) as outgoing Chair. The Secretariat reminded delegates that a new Chair-elect should be nominated at the end of the meeting. The Advisory Bureau includes the Chair and Vice-Chairs, as well as the Secretariat, the Co-ordinating Centre, and the Chair of the Technical Working Group.

3. Adoption of the Draft Agenda [TAD/CA/T/A(2009)1/REV2]

The revised Draft Agenda was adopted, subject to a switch in the order of item 9.1 with 9.2 and the inclusion of two additional presentations from Turkey and Russia, and an additional video from Turkey.

4. Adoption of the Summary Record of the 2008 Annual Meeting [TAD/CA/T/M(2008)1]

The Annual Meeting adopted the Summary Record of the 2008 Annual Meeting, subject to the addition of comments from the French delegation on items 9 to 12.

5. Summary Records [TAD/CA/T/M(2008)2, TAD/CA/T/M(2008)3/REV]

Delegates adopted the Summary Records of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on updating the Codes that were held in Austria on 4-5 June 2008 and the United States on 21-22 October 2008.

The Secretariat gave a brief report of the Bureau Meeting. The Bureau agreed to develop the electronic diffusion of the updated Codes and to restrict reproduction to a limited number of hard copies. The activity of the Coordinating Centre and recent developments were extensively discussed.

6. Secretary Activity in 2008

6.1 Secretariat and Budget Report [TAD/CA/T/RD(2009)1]

The secretariat presented a brief overview of the main activities since the 2008 Annual Meeting. In particular, the proposals adopted by the 2008 Annual Meeting were endorsed by the Committee for Agriculture and Council. In 2008, the Council agreed to delegate its authority to the Committee for Agriculture to approve the technical amendments in Annexes to the Codes and Schemes. Therefore, technical amendments adopted by the Annual Meeting will only need to be approved by the Committee for Agriculture in the future.

The Secretariat gave a more detailed presentation of the budget. The OECD Council adopted the 2009-2010 budget in December 2008. The OECD Tractor Codes budget has to comply with a Zero Nominal Growth, leading to an unchanged envelope for 2009 and 2010 compared to 2008. Three countries have arrears: the UK, Turkey and Greece. The delegations of the UK and Turkey indicated that they are taking actions to resolve the situation.

6.2 *Participating Countries and Organisations* [TAD/CA/T(2009)1]

The Secretariat reported that seven new countries joined the Codes and Schemes since the 2008 Annual Meeting. They were evaluated and their participation adopted by the Annual Meetings of the Seed Schemes, Forest Scheme and Fruit and Vegetables Scheme. The Tractor Codes was the only programme with no new country joining during the past year. However, the Secretariat reminded delegates that Argentina, Brazil and Mexico were invited to the Annual Meeting as observers.

The delegate from Brazil gave a presentation on **tractors testing in Brazil** and more specifically on the Engineering and Automation Centre, with an overview of their facilities and history in tractor testing. After tractor testing became optional in the early 90's, the laboratory conducted its last test in 1992. The future of the lab is now more optimistic as quality is becoming more important and the lab is located in a major agricultural region. In addition, recent public investments are being made in the lab.

The Italian delegate emphasised the importance of Brazil in the global tractor market.

7. **In-depth Evaluation of the Codes & Schemes** [C(2008)95/CORR1]

The Secretariat explained the principles of the In-Depth Evaluation of the Codes and Schemes. A questionnaire was sent to all delegates and stakeholders of the Tractor Codes in 2008. Interviews were also carried out and complemented the results of the questionnaire. The Evaluation Committee's report was discussed at the Committee for Agriculture and Council with focus on three aspects: relevance, efficiency and effectiveness. The Codes and Schemes were rated high for each of these aspects. Only one recommendation of the report relates to the Tractor Codes. It is currently being developed and aims to identify best practices for each of the four programmes of Codes and Schemes.

8. **Amendments in the 2009 OECD Tractor Codes** [TAD/CA/T(2009)2]

The Secretariat presented the amendments introduced in the February 2009 edition of the Codes. There were technical amendments adopted at the 2008 Annual Meeting as well as the substitution of SRP by SIP. Hard copies of the 2009 Codes were distributed to each delegation and Observers.

Several delegates expressed the need to have a transition period between the 2008 edition of the Codes and the 2009 one, during which tests could be carried out according to either edition of the Codes. This is a special case due to the substitution of SRP by SIP. The Coordinating Centre accepted the principal of a transition period.

It was agreed that both the February 2008 and February 2009 editions of the Codes will be valid until the end of the 2009 calendar year. From 1 January 2010, only the February 2009 edition will be valid.

The general principle of a transition period between editions of the Codes will be discussed at the TWG before the next Annual Meeting.

9. **PTO test and Emission Control Technology** [TAD/CA/T/RD(2009)2, TAD/CA/T/RD(2009)3]

The Chair specified that the two documents would be presented first before delegates would be invited to ask questions.

The delegation from the US presented document TAD/CA/T/RD(2009)3. It gives an overview of the engine emission technologies and suggests some recommendations for inclusion in the OECD Code 2.

The delegation from France then presented document TAD/CA/T/RD(2009)2. According to this document, it is too early to modify Code 2, but three recommendations are given on how to report tests carried out on tractors with emission control technologies, and in particular SCR technology. In both presentations, the strong collaboration between Testing Stations and manufacturers was stressed.

The Annual Meeting agreed that the topic needs to be discussed further at the TWG in June 2009.

The delegate from Turkey made a presentation on the **braking test according to the OECD Code 2**, and suggested making it compulsory. However, the delegate from CEMA noted that Code 2 relates to performance, while braking does not. According to this position, the test should remain optional. The Coordinating Centre indicated that just a small number of optional braking tests were requested in 2008.

Delegates agreed to wait for the EU regulation on braking to be completed before taking any action.

10. Energy efficiency classification of agricultural tractors [TAD/CA/T/RD(2009)4]

The delegates from Spain and France presented the work undertaken in their respective countries on classifying tractors according to their energy efficiency. The Spanish project started earlier than in France. In Spain, the first list of tractor was used in 2007. Differences in methodology still exist but the two countries are working together to improve the methodology, and reach a single methodology.

Delegates asked if the details of calculations could be made available on the OECD website to understand the differences in the classifications between the methodologies in France and Spain. It was stressed that while this is a valuable use of OECD test results as it serves national markets, the primary objective of Code 2 is to report performance tests.

The OECD Secretariat presented the information portal of the OECD, **OLIS Next and EMS**. Delegates are invited to subscribe to OLIS Next in order to have a direct access to the events related to the OECD Tractor Codes, including the list of participants, documents and presentations.

11. Technical Extension Procedure [TAD/CA/T(2009)3]

The delegate from Italy-Turin presented the proposal, explaining the context and the discussions that led to it. In particular, the limits for technical extensions and the elements of the extension procedure delaying the OECD approval were highlighted.

The discussion on the proposal focussed on two aspects: safety and bureaucracy. The aim of the proposal was to address technical problems caused by the current procedure and to reduce the approval time. In particular, the changes proposed tend to simplify the procedure and to make it more flexible. However, several delegates were concerned about the lack of understanding of the consequences that will emerge from the proposed changes in the Codes. In particular, concerns were expressed on traceability of reports. The discussion also established that there was a need to discuss further the dimensions (of the cab, mountings) that have to be reported according to the procedure.

The technical extension procedure will be returned to the TWG for further discussion and clarification of the issues.

12. Minimum mass of tractors tested according to Codes 6 and 7 [TAD/CA/T(2009)4]

The delegate from France presented the joint proposal from France and Spain. On the market, T3 tractors without ROPS exist and these tractors are close to small T2 tractors in term of mass and roll-over risk.

The proposal suggests lowering the minimum mass of tractors tested according to Codes 6 and 7 from 600 kg to 400 kg. The inclusion of Code 4 in the proposal was studied but no example of standard tractors with a mass below 600 kg was found. Therefore, the proposal only relates to Codes 6 and 7. But this amendment could be studied further and applied to other Codes. The delegate from the UK confirmed that the research conducted by Silsoe Research Institute can only support changes in Codes 6 and 7 and not Code 4.

The proposal also aims to clarify some difficulties of interpretation of the definition by deleting the non-explicit reference of the weight of the protective structure. The proposal suggests taking into account the mass of the tractor submitted for test to a testing station, simply as it is presented. However, some delegates argued that the definition should not be left opened in relation to the inclusion or not of the ROPS.

The proposal was adopted with the reduction of the mass from 600 kg to 400 kg in Code 6 and 7, and the original wording of the test stays unchanged.

In future works, the incorporation of this proposal in Code 4 will be considered. In addition, to maintain consistency with the EU regulation, if this latter is amended, the wording of the Codes might also need to be amended.

13. Seat belt anchorage test

13.1 *Proposal to test only the heaviest seat* [TAD/CA/T(2009)5]

The delegate from France introduced the proposal. Several seats can be identical with regard to the test. This is the case, for instance, if an armrest with automatic controls is added. In such a case, the proposal suggests testing only the heaviest seat.

During the discussion it was specified that mountings are included in the seats.

The proposal to test only the heaviest seat was adopted subject to the change of the word “cab” by “protective structure” in the paragraph to introduce in the paragraph 3.12.3 of Code 4 and equivalent paragraphs in Codes 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

13.2 *Proposal to test only one seat/cab combination in the most severe condition* [TAD/CA/T(2009)6]

The delegate from France presented the proposal. It gives the possibility to test only one seat in the cab in the worst case situation, if the testing station has evidence that the other seats comply with requirements.

A room document prepared by Germany was circulated in order to give further information on this proposal. However, delegates considered that the wording needed more clarity, in particular to define the worst case. Delegates objections to the proposal intend to avoid problems of interpretation in the future.

The UK delegate agreed to prepare a technical paper on seat belt anchorage test for the next TWG to define the worst case scenario.

13.3 Proposal to test only seatbelt/seat combination in the most severe condition [TAD/CA/T(2009)7]

The delegate from France presented the proposal. The delegate from Italy-Bologna noted that the seatbelt is outside the scope of the seatbelt anchorage performance test, as it is just a mean to apply the load. The delegate from France explained that the aim of the proposal was to avoid a restrictive interpretation of the compulsory mention of the type of seatbelt in the test report, by giving the possibility to list other types of seatbelts. The solution might be to delete the mention of the seatbelt from the report.

No decision was taken on the proposal. Technical discussion will continue at the TWG.

The delegation from Turkey showed a video illustrating an investigation on the “**rear loading**” in the seatbelt anchorage test. According to its results, the load should be applied on the back of the seat not via the seatbelt anchorages. Delegates agreed with this demonstration but the aim of the seatbelt anchorage performance test is multiple and the seatbelt is just the convenient means chosen for applying the load.

14. Research project on the reference mass: provisional report [TAD/CA/T/RD(2009)5]

Mr Hugo, coordinator of the Scientific Working Group (SWG), reminded the meeting of the background to the research project. Following unexplained accidents with the collapse of OECD approved ROPS, the validity of the current Codes was brought into question. In particular, it is uncertain if the current Codes adequately take into account the increase in mass of modern tractors.

The analysis of the information sent by EU Member States on roll-over accidents was presented, including the recent update of the data with information sent by Germany the week before the meeting. This data confirms that the increasing mass of tractors has an impact on accidents. It also confirmed that fastened seatbelts and folding protective structures used in the upright position fulfil their safety roles.

Mr Hugo then outlined the work conducted in 2008 and early 2009. Results of simulations conducted by Spain, France and the UK were detailed. The importance of real roll-over tests was emphasised. The University of Bologna should carry out these tests in the spring. Once done, the SWG will be able to analyse the results and compare them with the models.

The delegate from Italy-Bologna explained the difficulties, both human and financial. Technical support was proposed by several delegates. The Secretariat suggested the possibility of voluntary contribution from participating countries and observers, but no commitment could be confirmed to support the work at the University of Bologna.

According to the different results that emerged from the models, Code 4 would be valid with a safety margin of 30 % to 40 %. The safety margin is calculated as the relative difference between the maximum ballasted mass of the tractor and the reference mass (mass used for calculating energy and crushing forces). This safety margin was considered too tight by several delegates in relation to the current situation.

According to the data, safety of tractors is very high. However, the evolution of tractors show major changes from previous designs of tractors and significant increase in mass, which justify an evaluation of the relevance of the current Codes. The research aims to ensure that the contribution of the OCDE Tractor

Codes to tractor safety will remain at an optimum. Delegates put emphasis on the need to tackle the problem of additional mass.

The progress report of the SWG was adopted. The University of Bologna was encouraged to undertake the roll-over tests as soon as possible and provide the results to the SWG.

15. New issues and concerns on the Noise Code

Delegates did not raise any new issues.

16. Coordinating Centre Report

16.1 *Status report for 2008* [TAD/CA/T(2009)8]

The Head of the Coordinating Centre, Mr Vigier, presented the activity report of the Coordinating Centre. In 2008, the number of reports submitted for approval nearly doubled. The number of approvals granted also increased significantly but there is still a backlog of report to clear. The Coordinating Centre is committed to do its best to clear the backlog.

It was stressed that several iterations of comments are often necessary between the Coordinating Centre and the National Designated Authority before a report can be approved, in particular for Code 2.

Mr Vigier also reminded delegates the procedure to submit reports for approval electronically. To submit reports electronically, the National Designated Authority can send reports with the appropriate documents to the following email address:

approval-oecd@cemagref.fr

For any other exchange, the National Designated Authority can use the following email address:

coordination-ocde@cemagref.fr

Regarding the seatbelt anchorage performance, reports submitted with this test only and no ROPS test were exclusively extensions.

16.2 *Improving the procedure for approval of test reports* [TAD/CA/T/RD(2009)6]

The Secretariat presented the document. It details the approval procedure, as currently conducted, and possible suggestions to improve it. This document was circulated for information only and no official proposals are ready. However, in the face of the urgent problem with long approval times, actions have to be taken and the aim of this paper was to help clarify the situation and help define the actions to take.

The Secretariat reminded the meeting that the first line of quality control is the National Designated Authorities. The Coordinating Centre represents an objective additional control level. To speed up the turnover of report approvals is key, but the most important criterion is the objectivity and the quality of the checks.

The meeting agreed to establish a task force to examine the process with a view to improving the efficiency of the approval procedure for allocating the OECD approval numbers. Delegates wishing to participate should inform the Secretariat before 31 March 2009.

17. Tests performed outside the official Testing Stations

The delegate from the US reported that some tests have been carried out outside the OECD Testing Station. Further investment is being undertaken in 2009 in the Nebraska Tractor Laboratory to enable the OECD Testing Station to carry out all tests indoor.

The delegate from the UK reported that four Code 4 tests were conducted outside the facilities of VCA under the supervision of a VCA engineer.

The French delegation pointed out that tests conducted outside the official Testing Stations should only occur under exceptional circumstances. Such tests have to be carried out under the control of an experienced and qualified staff member of the Testing Station.

18. Fees applying from 1 March 2009 [TAD/CA/T(2009)9]

The Coordinating Centre presented the document with the proposed increase in fees. Several delegates pointed out that, in a general context of a declining economy, an increase in fees could only be acceptable if the efficiency of the work can also increase. The Coordinating Centre specified that, at the moment, two engineers and a technical secretary work full time for the Coordinating Centre, with another engineer now working 80 % of his time for the Coordinating Centre.

The Annual Meeting did not adopt the proposed increase in approval fees for 2009.

19. Tender for the Coordinating Centre for 2010-2012 [TAD/CA/T(2009)10]

The Secretariat presented the document which includes the tender that was circulated in 2006 and under which the Coordinating Centre is currently operating. The new tender is currently under preparation. The Secretariat explained the procedure under which the tender will be published and bids invited.

Delegates are invited to send written comments to the Secretariat by 6 March, with a view to having these comments taken into consideration in the preparation of the new tender for 2010-2012.

20. International developments EC, ISO, other Organisations

The delegate from the EC gave an update on the progress of the ongoing process to simplify and improve the Internal Market Legislation. In particular, for agricultural and forestry vehicles, the simplification should lead to a formal Commission proposal for a “Mother Regulation” in 2009, followed by draft implementing Regulations in 2010, using reference to OECD Tractor Codes. In 2008, an internet consultation was carried out and the results can be consulted on the European Commission’s website.

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/automotive/consultation/agricultural_vehicles/contributions.htm

The draft proposals are under discussion and a final document should be submitted by mid-year to the European Commission. The reference to technical international standards, such as the OECD Codes, would be reinforced and the aim is to ease the implementation of the regulation. The current type-approval package is not yet completed for some categories of tractors (T4, T5, C) and for trailers and towed machinery. Further efforts are necessary to prepare the required provisions for those categories.

With regard to the EU regulation on braking, no agreement was found so far between EU Member States and the industry.

The delegate from ISO reported some meetings in cooperation with OECD. The delegate from Finland gave an update on the activity of forestry tractors testing in relation to activity in ISO.

21. Harmonisation of the OECD/ISO testing procedure

21.1 New version of Code 4 harmonised with ISO 5700 [TAD/CA/T(2009)11]

The delegate from the US explained the process followed to harmonise Code 4 with ISO 5700. The Italian delegation requested additional time to study the document, in particular the technical terms that can be different between ISO and OECD. The delegate from the UK also mentioned that some paragraphs needed clarification.

The Annual Meeting agreed that each delegation should carefully compare the document with the existing Code 4 to verify all technical aspects and report back to the Secretariat with written comments by 15 April 2009. The technical comments received from delegates will be discussed at the next TWG in June 2009 with a view to obtaining an agreement on a final version of the document.

Subject to agreement at the TWG, a final version of the document will be submitted to delegates for approval.

21.2 and 21.3 Guidelines to draft common OECD/ISO standard; Role of the Maintenance Agency (MA) [TAD/CA/T/RD(2009)7, TAD/CA/T/RD(2009)8]

The delegate from the ISO explained the main points of the two documents. The implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the OECD and ISO is leading to the harmonisation of OECD Codes with OECD/ISO Standards. The development of joint standards requires the harmonisation of the texts at early stages of the process by technical experts. An ideal timeframe would be synchronised with the OECD Annual Meetings. Once OECD/ISO Standards would be published, the Maintenance Agency would ensure they are maintained harmonised with OECD Codes. Thus, this group would have an editorial role and would ensure that any amendments introduced in the Codes would also be introduced in the OECD/ISO Standards. Its actions would follow the Annual Meeting's decisions.

The documents were for information only. They were reviewed and discussed, and no objections were noticed. The ISO is in the process of getting those procedures approved.

21.4 Priority work projects [TAD/CA/T(2009)12]

The Secretariat presented the document which suggests that Code 10 would be the next priority project. Code 10 is short and would present a limited number of technical issues. It was stressed that the ISO text to harmonise with Code 10 is still a working document and not an official ISO Standard.

The Annual Meeting agreed that Code 10 will be the next Code to be harmonised under the MoU with ISO.

22. National developments on testing and approval matters [TAD/CA/T/RD(2009)9]

The Chair gave the opportunity to delegations that sent country reports to add further comments to their reports.

The delegate from Russia gave a presentation on the current **situation of the tractor industry in Russia**. The tractor fleet in this country amounts to 405.700 tractors and needs to be developed in an appropriate way. The current trend is for more powerful tractors.

23. Meetings Schedule for 2009

The Secretariat proposed that there should be two meetings of the TWG in 2009, in addition to the Test Engineer's Conference. The first meeting will be held on 1-3 June in Madrid, Spain. A Draft Agenda will be sent to delegates in the coming weeks. The Test Engineer's Conference will be organised in Korea on 21-23 September. The Secretariat proposed to organise the second TWG back-to-back with the Test Engineer's Conference in Korea, on 24-25 September.

The Secretariat proposed to hold the 2010 Annual Meeting in the OECD headquarters in Paris on 23-24 February 2010. It will be followed by the Meeting of the Committee for Agriculture at Ministerial Level on 24-26 February 2010.

Turkey invited to host one TWG in 2010 and Italy invited to host another one the same year.

24. Preparation of the Test Engineers' Conference [TAD/CA/T/A(2009)3/PROV]

The delegate from Korea read the official invitation of the Korean delegation to the Test Engineers' Conference. He also briefly presented the Korean testing station and gave some information on logistics.

The Chair presented the Provisional Draft Agenda for the 2009 Conference specifying that this Agenda remains provisional and invited delegates to send comments.

A special webpage was created for the Conference. It contains the Provisional Draft Agenda and logistics information. This site will be updated as documents and presentations are submitted for the Conference. Delegates can access this webpage from the OECD Tractor page or using the link below:

www.oecd.org/agriculture/code/15tec

Delegates are invited to send written comments on the Provisional Draft Agenda for the Test Engineers' Conference to the Secretariat by 31 March. The Secretariat will revise the Agenda based on these comments. The revised Agenda will then be published and an official invitation sent to all National Designated Authorities in April 2009.

25. Confirmation of Decisions

For each of the item discussed, the Secretariat prepared a list of decisions agreed by the Annual Meeting. The list was submitted to participants and was confirmed by all delegates.

Mr Liberatori (Italy) was elected as Chair-elect. Mr Kim (Korea) was thanked by all delegates for his contribution as a member of the OECD Tractor Codes over the past six years.

26. Other business

No other issues were raised by the delegates.

The Secretariat closed the meeting thanking all delegates for their participation in the Annual Meeting and their contribution to papers.

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