Car industry: tank vehicles, categories N and O, roll-over stability, UN/ECE Regulation

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PURPOSE : This is a proposal for a Council Decision on the position of the European Community on the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning uniform provisions for the approval of tank vehicles of categories N and O with regard to roll-over stability. CONTENT: By Council Decision 97/836/EC of 27 November 1997, the European Community became a Contracting Party to the 1958 Revised Agreement of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE) on 25 March 1998. Article 4 of that Decision states that, where a draft Regulation of the UN/ECE is submitted to a vote within the appropriate bodies of the UN/ECE, the draft concerned must be approved by the Council, having received the assent of the European Parliament, before the Community can vote in favour of adopting such a draft Regulation. The aim of the Regulation is to abolish the technical barriers to trade in motor vehicles between the Contracting Parties, while ensuring a high level of safety and environmental protection. It is also planned that the Regulation will be incorporated in the system for the type-approval of vehicles and will therefore supplement the Community legislation in force.