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Proposal for a

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**on the accession of the European Community to United Nations Economic Commission  
for Europe Regulation No 61 on provisions concerning the approval of commercial  
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(presented by the Commission)

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**on the accession of the European Community to United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No 61 on provisions concerning the approval of commercial vehicles with regard to their external projections forward of the cab's rear panel**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to 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”)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Articles 3(3) and 4(2), second indent thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission<sup>2</sup>,

Having regard to the assent of the European Parliament<sup>3</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) The standardised requirements of Regulation No 61 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on provisions concerning the approval of commercial vehicles with regard to their external projections forward of the cab's rear panel is intended to remove technical barriers to the trade in motor vehicles between the contracting parties and ensure a high level of safety and protection for use of such vehicles.
- (2) Regulation No 61 has been notified to the Contracting Parties and has entered into force in respect of all the Contracting Parties who did not serve notice of their disagreement by the date or dates specified in the regulation of the revised agreement of 1958.
- (3) This Regulation must be incorporated into the approval system for motor vehicles and thus be added to the legislation in force within the Community.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C, , p. .

<sup>2</sup> OJ C, , p. .

<sup>3</sup> OJ C, , p. .

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

1. The European Community shall accede to Regulation No 61 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe on provisions concerning the approval of commercial vehicles with regard to their external projections forward of the cab's rear panel<sup>4</sup>.
2. The text of the Regulation is attached to this Decision<sup>5</sup>

*Article 2*

In accordance with the provisions of [Article 9(1) of Directive 70/156/EEC]/[Article 35 of Directive 2007/46/EC], the equivalence of the requirements of Regulation No 61 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and those of Directive 92/114/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, shall be recognised.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*

(...)

*The President*

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<sup>4</sup> Cf. document E/ECE/324-E/ECE/TRANS/505-Rev.1/Add.93 – amends. 1 – 4.

<sup>5</sup> This Regulation shall be published in a future Official Journal.