

DRAFT Meeting Minutes  
19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Off-Cycle Informal Working Group  
Palais des Nations Geneva  
16 January 2008

The 19<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Off-Cycle Informal Working Group was called to order at approximately 9:30AM by Chairman, Todd Sherwood. Attendees of the meeting are documented in the attached file entitled (19th OCE WG Attendees. PDF)

**Review of 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting Draft Agenda**

The 19<sup>th</sup> meeting draft agenda was reviewed by the working group and approved without revision or comment.

**Review and approval of 17<sup>th</sup> OCE Plenary Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the 17<sup>th</sup> OCE plenary meeting held in Geneva, June 2007 was reviewed by the working group and approved without revision or comment.

**Update from 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting in San Francisco, October 2007**

- *Defeat strategy definition (EC proposal)*

Phillip Good provided the group with the rationale for EC proposal to scale back defeat strategy definition. This topic was identified as an open issue. It was suggested that this item be added as an agenda topic for the next informal working group meeting in Tokyo.

- *WNTE zone (OICA proposal)*

Juergen Stein briefed members on the OICA proposal. The group agreed to discuss the possible alignment of WHDC  $N_{high}$  and  $N_{low}$  at their next meeting. It was noted that this proposal would result in a zone slightly larger than that of the US NTE zone.

- *WNTE emission limits (OICA proposal)*

The proposed change was meant to ensure that the WNTE would never be zero and that one set of adjustment equations would be applicable to varied levels of possible worldwide emission limit stringencies.

- *WNTE ambient & operating conditions (OICA proposal)*

The proposal was meant to focus on barometric pressure rather than altitude, as engines sense barometric pressure not altitude.

- *WNTE lab based test procedure (OICA & EC proposals)*

The group discussed both proposals at length. It was agreed that the secretary would arrange for a working group conference call to the EC proposal further and prior to the Geneva 2008 meeting. This conference call occurred on 7 December 2007 (see below).

### **Update from 7 December 2007 Phone Conference**

- *Options for OCE lab test (EC update)*

Phillip Good indicated that the Commission was continued to discuss their 3 option proposal and were confident a lab based procedure could be developed in time for the gtr to be presented as an informal document by June 2008.

- *WNTE emission limits (Netherlands proposal & OICA re-proposal)*

The group discussed the re-proposals, both with the intent of simplifying the equations that were considered in San Francisco in Oct 2007.

### **Presentations from Members (if any)**

There were no presentations given by the informal working group members.

### **Review of OCE time line**

Resolution of the lab based test procedure was noted as the key stumbling block in the gtr being presented as an informal document to GRPE by June 2008.

### **Future OCE meeting schedule**

The informal working group will meet as follows:

April 8-9, 2008 at the JASIC facilities in Tokyo, Japan

June 2008 as part of the 56<sup>th</sup> GRPE Session in Geneva, Switzerland