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Safe at Scale: Translating the UN Automated Driving Systems (ADS) GTR into Global Action

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Key Issues discussed

- The ADS GTR as the first common, evidence-based safety framework for automated driving that preserves innovation and national legal flexibility.
- Translating it into national law, certification, liability, insurance and in-service monitoring without divergent interpretations.
- The complementary roles of regulation, voluntary standards, guidance, shared scenarios and objective assessment criteria.
- How simulation, closed-course and real-world testing, safety cases, and field monitoring can form credible, traceable evidence across the vehicle lifecycle.
- Capacity and cooperation required across regulators, standards bodies, developers, AI infrastructure providers, and independent testing institutions.

Key Outcomes of the session

- Adoption is a starting point: a common safety baseline can reduce duplicated validation and fragmented compliance while respecting national sovereignty.
- By connecting UN rulemaking and standards with national law, engineering, deployment and testing, the session identified comparable safety evidence as the central shared challenge.
- Safety requires auditable, structured evidence across the lifecycle—not mileage or a single test—integrating safety cases, ODD controls, simulation, track and road testing, updates and monitoring.
- UNECE reported work on interpretation guidance, implementation cooperation and scenario exchange. Speakers stressed broad participation to limit divergence and enable future mutual recognition.

Key Recommendations and Forward-Looking Actions

- Governments should build capacity to review safety management systems and safety cases, assess simulations, monitor in-service performance, and update traffic, liability and insurance rules.

- WP.29 and standards bodies should accelerate common terminology, interpretation guidance, scenario sharing and objective evaluation criteria, with participation from all major markets.
- Industry and testers should create independently verifiable, traceable pipelines linking simulation, track, road and field data to support comparable evidence and interoperable certification.