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The role of technical experts in Working Groups of the EEVC

The main committee of the EEVC has created a number of Working Groups (WG) in order to study scientifically problems of special importance. The main committee sets the mandate of these groups and the time scale and also appoints the chairman. The secretariat of the main committee asks the member states of EEVC for their participation in the WG and to nominate a national governmental representative who is technically expert in the relevant research area.

It is the task of each representative to decide whether he or she should look for additional national advice. This advice can come from other institutions within the country, such as insurance companies, the vehicle industry, technical services, research institutes, universities etc. Individuals from these institutions may be invited to attend some or all of the meetings of the Working Group, but they should do so in their individual capacity as technical experts and not as representatives of their institutions. It is inevitable that there will be political or commercial concerns about some aspects of the work of EEVC technical working groups, but it is important that the Working Groups make judgements on purely scientific and technical grounds, free from political and commercial pressures. Technical experts invited to participate in the Working Groups are asked to offer their advice objectively and without regard to any self interest, whether on behalf of themselves, their institution or national policy, and to contribute positively to the work of the Group. In some cases they may be shown information or documents which are confidential to the EEVC, and they will respect this confidentiality.

Only the national representatives hold a right to vote on issues to be decided by the Working Groups, though as far as possible progress is made by consensus. It is the task of each national representative to judge and evaluate advice received from additional experts prior to the presentation of an official opinion on behalf of each country to the WG.

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