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OPINION

of the Committee on Legal Affairs

for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

on CARS 21: A Competitive Automotive Regulatory Framework
(2007/2120(INI))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Legal Affairs calls on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the Commission's response to the findings of the CARS 21 High Level Group Final Report and, in general, supports its recommendations;
2. Welcomes the proposal to simplify and internationalise the regulatory burden on the industry; endorses, in particular, the proposal to replace 38 EC directives with corresponding UN/ECE regulations and invites the Commission to bring forward the necessary technical provisions for using self- and virtual testing in 25 EC directives and UN/ECE regulations;
3. Insists that its support for these proposals is conditional on it being clearly understood that Parliament reserves the right to call for legislation independently from the UN/ECE system where it believes that this is required to meet EU obligations;
4. Welcomes the Commission proposal to submit an annual paper to Parliament on the progress being made at the UN/ECE and in the comitology process;
5. Supports the Commission's endorsement of an integrated approach to achieving key objectives in the fields of environment and safety and therefore underlines the Member States' role in this;
6. Supports the Commission's proposal to address the issue of non-harmonised implementation of the End-of-Life Vehicles Directive¹;
7. Calls on the Commission to improve the cross-border inspection of vehicles regime and the cross-border enforcement of fines imposed for infringement of traffic rules in another Member State as a matter of priority;
8. Urges the Commission to adopt more specific and effective measures to ensure the transparency and enforcement of intellectual property rights in all parts of the world, particularly China;
9. Supports the Commission's efforts in matters relating to the Chinese regulatory environment aimed at ensuring that European industries operating in this market enjoy fair regulations and legal certainty;
10. Confirms its support for an effective type-approval process as indicated in its position of 10 May 2007²;
11. Calls on the Commission to ensure the proper implementation of the Regulation on motor vehicle distribution throughout the EU³;

¹ Directive 2006/40/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 relating to emissions from air conditioning systems in motor vehicles (OJ L 161, 14.06.2006, p. 12).

² *Texts Adopted*, P6_TA(2007)0176.

³ Commission Regulation (EC) No 1400/2002 of 31 July 2002 on the application of Article 81(3) of the Treaty to categories of vertical agreements and concerted practices in the motor vehicle sector (OJ L 203, 1.8.2002, p. 30).

12. Welcomes the adoption of Regulation (EC) No 715/2007¹ aimed at ensuring that all vehicle repairers in the Community have access to the appropriate technical repair information.
13. Supports the Commission's proposal to the European Parliament and the Council that a directive on the taxation of private cars be adopted as soon as possible.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007 on type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 5 and Euro 6) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information (OJ L 171, 29.6.2007, p. 1).

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	4.10.2007
Result of final vote	+: 25 -: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Carlo Casini, Bert Doorn, Cristian Dumitrescu, Monica Frassoni, Giuseppe Gargani, Lidia Joanna Geringer de Oedenberg, Katalin Lévai, Hans-Peter Mayer, Manuel Medina Ortega, Aloyzas Sakalas, Francesco Enrico Speroni, Gary Titley, Diana Wallis, Rainer Wieland, Jaroslav Zvěřina, Tadeusz Zwiefka
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Mogens N.J. Camre, Charlotte Cederschiöld, Kurt Lechner, Eva Lichtenberger, Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou, József Szájer, Jacques Toubon
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	Iles Braghetto, Michael Cashman, Genowefa Grabowska, Lily Jacobs