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INTERNATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION COMMITTEE

PRESS RELEASE

CITA (International Motor Vehicle Inspection Committee) has held its 13th International Conference from 6 to 8 May 2008 in PORTO (Portugal) The event was hosted by ANCIA (Associação Nacional de Centros de Inspeção Automóvel) and supported by several stakeholders to in-use technical vehicle inspections.

The theme of the conference « WIN/WIN Approaches for Periodical Technical and Roadside Vehicle Inspections » with about 40 speakers, provided the opportunity for the 250 delegates from about 40 countries, to exchange and discuss their latest technological, regulatory and economics views.

Representatives from the European Commission « Daniela LEVERATTO » and the United Nations World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations (UNECE WP 29 in Geneva) « Juan RAMOS GARCIA » confirmed the importance of CITA's work and its worldwide legitimacy.

Held at the same time as this international conference, the general assembly of CITA elected a new president « Ricardo PUIGNOU from AECA-ITV in Spain » in succession to « Ron OLIVER from VOSA in Great Britain » who was nominated Honorary President.

CITA's growth in membership (today 104) confirms the international awareness for vehicles roadworthiness enforcement measures and made CITA decide to establish a new Regional Advisory Group for Central & South America in addition to those already existing for Europe, Asia/Australasia and North America.

The strategic directions proposed by CITA Bureau Permanent were presented during the 13th conference and ratified with the conference delegates. The principal outcomes being:

- Actions to develop procedures and systems for the integration in periodical technical vehicle inspections of electronics-based technologies for active and passive vehicle safety. Systems which are and will be used more and more in all types of vehicles
- Promote international harmonisation with regard to technical vehicle roadworthiness enforcement and develop proposals for necessary instruments to do this.

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