

## Commercial vehicle and engine manufacturers establish global secretariat

**Brussels, December 1, 2011.** European, North American and Japanese heavy-duty vehicle and engine manufacturers have decided to establish in 2012 a stronger administrative support for the activities of the annual Global Commercial Vehicle Industry Meeting and its objective of global harmonisation of heavy duty vehicle regulations.

The decision was taken at the Global Meeting of the industry executives in Tokyo this week. The Global Secretariat will coordinate and monitor the progress of different tasks assigned by the Global Meeting of the industry executives, under the leadership of an Executive Secretary. ACEA has been asked to establish such Global Secretariat in 2012. Resources to perform the different tasks will be provided by existing working groups within the participating associations ACEA, EMA and JAMA.

The main issues to be covered by the global secretariat include:

- World Harmonised Diesel Certification (WHDC)
- Global Fuel Specification
- Heavy Duty Hybrid Certification
- Fuel Efficiency Improvements

The secretariat was assigned a number of tasks to deliver in the short term:

- Certified Engine Maps – drafting a proposal for a global procedure
- Vehicle Mission Cycles - identifying and agreeing on principles for the definition of cycles
- Total Vehicle Drag – drafting proposals for global procedures for measuring air, rolling, driveline and auxiliary drags
- Vehicle Control Strategies (VCS) – explore the inclusion of VCS in computer simulation

Longer-term issues to be covered are:

- Higher Capacity Vehicles (HCV)
- Performance Based Standards for HCV
- International loading Units

The Global Secretariat will be set-up and lead in 2012 by Stefan Larsson, a long-term employee of Volvo Group who has worked at ACEA since 1997. Larsson's main fields of experience include global vehicle regulations and product certification as well as vehicle emission, CO2 and air quality issues. He has been involved in the organisation of the Global Commercial Vehicle Industry Meetings since their start in 2003.

### About ACEA

The European automotive industry is key to the strength and competitiveness of Europe. The ACEA members are BMW Group, DAF Trucks, Daimler, FIAT S.p.A., Ford of Europe, General Motors Europe, Jaguar Land Rover, MAN Truck & Bus, Porsche, PSA Peugeot Citroën, Renault Group, Scania, Toyota Motor Europe, Volkswagen Group, Volvo Car Corporation, Volvo Group. They provide direct employment to more than 2.3 million people and indirectly support another 10 million jobs. Annually, ACEA members invest over €26 billion in R&D, or 5% of turnover.