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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on saving lives: boosting car safety in the EU
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Recognises that improving road safety in the EU begins with ensuring that existing and future provisions can be implemented and checked effectively; calls, in that regard, for increased best practice sharing and independent and peer reviews of type approval and technical services in the Union; calls, in addition, for greater post-market surveillance of vehicles on roads across the Union to ensure that they continue to conform to safety criteria;
2. Stresses that when non-conformities are identified, European consumers should be able to count on rapid, appropriate and coordinated corrective measures, including Union-wide vehicle recall where necessary;
3. Believes that full cost-benefit analysis in the form of adequate ex ante impact assessments by the Commission is essential for any new Union safety requirements, and that particular consideration should be given to their potential impact on the price of new cars for European consumers, as well their effect on vehicle emissions; recommends, furthermore, that the implementation of new Union road safety requirements be synchronised with the activities of the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
4. Is of the opinion that any new Union safety measures should be proportional to the design and production challenges facing small-volume and bespoke manufacturers;
5. Welcomes the improvements that market-led technological developments have already brought to Union road safety, and encourages the continued exploration of the opportunities the digital revolution offers in that regard; calls for continuing research and the development of new standards in autonomous emergency braking, lane keeping assistance and reverse detection technologies for motor vehicles, and front-end blind spot cameras and detection for HGVs.