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## ANNEX III

## **DETERMINATION OF SEAT REFERENCE POINT**

## 1. DEFINITION

1.1. The seat reference point (S) shall be the point in the central longitudinal plane of the seat where the tangential plane of the lower backrest and a horizontal plane intersect. This horizontal plane cuts the lower surface of the seat-pan board 150 mm in front of the seat reference point.

## 2. DETERMINATION OF SEAT REFERENCE POINT

- 2.1. The reference point shall be obtained using the device illustrated in figures 1 and 2 of the Appendix to this Annex, which makes it possible to simulate loading by a human occupant.
- 2.2. The seat must be set at the mid-point of the range allowed for vertical adjustment, this adjustment being independent of the horizontal adjustment. For the purposes of determining the microphone location referred to in point 3 of Annexes I and II, the seat must be at or as near as possible to the mid-point of the horizontal adjustment range.
- 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVICE
- 3.1. The device referred to in point 2.1 shall consist of a seat-pan board and two backrest boards.
- 3.2. The lower backrest board shall be jointed in the region of the ischium humps (A) and loin (B), the joint (B) being adjustable in height (see figure 2).
- 4. SETTING UP THE DEVICE

The device shall be set up as follows:

- 4.1. the device shall be positioned on the seat;
- 4.2. it shall then be loaded with a force of 550 N at a point 50 mm in front of joint (A), and the two backrest boards shall be lightly pressed tangentially against the backrest;
- 4.3. if it is not possible to determine a definite tangent to the lower area of the backrest, the lower backrest board in vertical position must be lightly pressed against the backrest;
- 4.4. in the case of seats with a suspension adjustable to the driver's weight, the suspension shall be set so that the seat is at a point equidistant from its two extreme positions.

