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— *Part 1: Guidelines for the application of the ISO 7176 series on wheelchairs*

The following part is under preparation:

— *Part 2: Typical values and recommended limits or dimensions, mass and manoeuvring space as determined in ISO 7176-5*