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AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ROADS IN THE ARAB MASHREQ
BEIRUT, 10 MAY 2001

PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEX I OF THE AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

At its 9th session, held in Beirut from 26-28 February 2008, the Committee on Transport of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), adopted in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 7 of the above Agreement, amendments proposed by Saudi Arabia and Syria to Annex I of the Agreement.

The procedure for amending Annex I to this Agreement is set forth in Article 7 of the Agreement which read as follows:

“Article 7

1. After the entry of the Agreement into force, any Party thereto may propose amendments to the Agreement, including its Annexes.
2. Proposed amendments to the Agreement shall be submitted to the Committee on Transport of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).
3. Amendments to the Agreement shall be considered adopted if approved by a two-thirds majority of the Parties thereto, present at a meeting convened for that purpose. In the case of amendments to Annex I to the Agreement, such majority must include all Parties directly concerned by the proposed amendment.
4. The Committee on Transport of ESCWA shall inform the depositary, within a period of forty-five (45) days, of any amendment adopted pursuant to paragraph 3 of this article.
5. The depositary shall notify all Parties hereto of amendments thus adopted, which shall enter into force for all Parties three (3) months after the date of such notification unless objections from more than one-third of the Parties are received by the depositary within that period of three (3) months.

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6. No amendments may be made to the Agreement during the period specified in Article 8 below if, upon the withdrawal of one party, the number of Parties to the Agreement becomes less than five (5).”

..... A copy of the text of the proposed amendments in the English and French languages is transmitted herewith.

11 September 2008

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**AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY SAUDI ARABIA AND SYRIA
TO ANNEX 1 OF THE AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL
ROADS IN THE ARAB MASREQ**

Saudi Arabia proposed to amend the end of route M 70 in Annex 1 to read as follows:

Current description of M 70 in Annex 1 is as follows:

Kuwait – As Salmy (Kuwait/SaudiArabia) – Ar Ruqi (Saudi Arabia/Kuwait) -
Hafar El Batin - Artawiyah - Buraydah - Medina - Yanbu.

The amended M 70 in Annex 1 will now read as follows:

Kuwait - As Salmy (Kuwait/Saudi Arabia) - Ar Ruqi (Saudi Arabia/Kuwait) -
Hafar El Batin - Artawiyah - Buraydah - Medina - **Sulaym**.

The Syrian Arab Republic proposed to add a new route in Annex 1 to read as follows:

M 43 Homs – Al Busayri
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