

Reference: C.N.151.2024.TREATIES-XI.B.24 (Depositary Notification)

EUROPEAN AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION ON ROAD
SIGNS AND SIGNALS

GENEVA, 1 MAY 1971

CYPRUS: OBJECTION TO THE DECLARATION MADE BY TÜRKIYE UPON ACCESSION ¹

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

The above action was effected on 26 April 2024.

(Original: English)

“The Republic of Cyprus has examined the Declaration deposited by the Republic of Türkiye on 17 May 2023, upon accession to the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1971), and notes that such a declaration is not in conformity with the Agreement.

By means of the submitted Declaration, Türkiye purports to release itself of the obligation to cooperate with other States Parties within the framework of the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals. Moreover, in its Declaration Türkiye puts forward, once again, the untenable position concerning the non-recognition of the Republic of Cyprus, a member of, among others, the United Nations and the European Union.

In the view of the Republic of Cyprus, the Declaration of Türkiye is compatible neither with Article 11 of the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals nor the object and purpose thereof given that the allegations contained therein are irrelevant to the content of the Agreement.

In light of the above, it is the position of the Republic of Cyprus that the content and purported effect of this Declaration submitted by the Republic of Türkiye is in contravention of the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals.

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.140.2023.TREATIES-XI.B.24 of 25 May 2023 (Accession: Türkiye).

The Republic of Cyprus, therefore, rejects the aforementioned Declaration made by the Republic of Türkiye, which cannot in any way affect the obligations of the Republic of Türkiye towards the Republic of Cyprus both under general international law and the said Agreement and considers it null and void. The objection of the Republic of Cyprus shall not preclude the entry into force of the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals, in its entirety, between the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Türkiye.”

1 May 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' and 'N' with a horizontal line underneath.