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REFERENCE:

C.N.90.1985.TREATIES-2/2/1/1/1 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC

CONVENTION ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS

CONCLUDED AT VIENNA ON 8 NOVEMBER 1968

EUROPEAN AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION ON ROAD  
TRAFFIC OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT VIENNA ON 8 NOVEMBER 1968

EUROPEAN AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION ON ROAD SIGNS  
AND SIGNALS OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT VIENNA ON 8 NOVEMBER 1968

CONCLUDED AT GENEVA ON 1 MAY 1971

RATIFICATION BY FINLAND

PROTOCOL ON ROAD MARKINGS, ADDITIONAL TO THE EUROPEAN AGREEMENT  
SUPPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS OPENED  
FOR SIGNATURE AT VIENNA ON 8 NOVEMBER 1968  
DONE AT GENEVA ON 1 MARCH 1973

ACCESSION BY FINLAND

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

I

On 1 April 1985, the instruments of ratification by the  
Government of Finland of the above-mentioned Conventions and  
Agreements and the instrument of accession by that Government to  
the above-mentioned Protocol were deposited with the Secretary-General.

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The instrument of ratification of the Convention on Road Traffic contains the following reservations:

(Original: English)

"1) With respect to Article 11 paragraph 1 (a) (Overtaking) Finland reserves the right to provide in Finnish law that in Finland drivers of cycles and mopeds may always overtake other vehicles than cycles or mopeds from the right;

"2) With respect to Article 18 paragraphs 2 and 3 (Obligation to give way) Finland reserves the right to provide in Finnish law that in Finland any driver emerging from a path or an earth-track on to a road other than a path or an earth-track or emerging on to a road from property boarding thereon shall give way to all traffic travelling on that road;

"3) With respect to Article 33 paragraph 1 (c) and 1 (d) (Use of driving or passing lights), Finland reserves the right to provide in Finnish law that in a motor-driven vehicle driving lights, passing lights or running lights must always be switched on when driving outside built-up areas. Driving or passing lights must be used in every vehicle when it is being driven in darkness or in dim light or when visibility is inadequate on account of weather or some other reason. Fog lights may only be used in fog or heavy rain or snowfall. In that case their use is allowed as a substitute for passing lights provided that position lights are simultaneously on."

In addition, the Government of Finland, pursuant to the provisions of article 45 (4) of the Convention, notified the Secretary-General that it had selected the distinguishing sign "SF" for display in international traffic on vehicles registered by it.

## II

The instrument of ratification of the Convention on Road Signs and Signals contains the following reservations:



(Original: English)

"1) With respect to Article 10 paragraph 6 and Section B of Annex 2, paragraph 2 (a) (iii) (Advance warning signs indicating obligatory stop), Finland reserves the right to use as an advance warning sign indicating an obligatory stop the "GIVE WAY" sign, supplemented with an additional panel including an inscription "STOP" and indicating the distance to the obligatory stop;

"2) With respect to Article 18 (Place identification signs), Finland reserves the right not to use signs E,9<sup>a</sup> or E,9<sup>b</sup> to indicate the beginning of a built-up area or signs E,9<sup>c</sup> or E,9<sup>d</sup> to indicate the end of such an area. Instead of them symbols are used. A sign corresponding to sign E,9<sup>b</sup> is used to indicate the name of a place, but it does not signify the same as sign E,9<sup>b</sup>;

"3) With respect to Section F of Annex 5, preamble and paragraphs 4 and 5, Finland reserves the right to use green colour as the ground of signs E,15 to E,18;

"4) With respect to Section F of Annex 5, paragraph 6 (Signs notifying a bus or a tramway stop), Finland reserves the right to use signs indicating a bus or a tramway stop which differ in shape and colour from signs E,19 and E,20."

In keeping with article 46 (2) of the Convention, the Government of Finland declared that it has chosen model A<sup>a</sup> as the danger warning sign, and model B, 2<sup>a</sup> as the stop sign.

In accordance with their articles 47 (2) and 39 (2), respectively, the Convention on Road Traffic and the Convention on Road Signs and Signals will enter into force for Finland on 1 April 1986, i.e. twelve months after the date of deposit of its instruments.



## III

The instruments of ratification and accession contain the following declarations and reservations in respect of the Agreements and Protocol hereinafter:

European Agreement of 1 May 1971 supplementing the  
Convention on Road Traffic

Declaration

(Original: English)

"With respect to Article 11 paragraph 3 Finland notifies that the reservations Finland has made to Article 11 paragraph 1 (a), Article 18 paragraph 2 and Article 33 paragraph 1 (c) and (d) of the Convention on Road Traffic shall also apply to the European Agreement supplementing the Convention."

European Agreement of 1 May 1971 supplementing the  
Convention on Road Signs and Signals

Declarations

(Original: English)

"1) With respect to Annex, paragraph 17 (amendment to Section B of Annex I, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Convention: Signs indicating dangerous descent and steep ascent), Finland reserves the right to use sign A,2<sup>c</sup> of the Convention to indicate a dangerous descent, instead of sign A,2<sup>a</sup>. Similarly sign A,3<sup>c</sup> of the Convention is used to indicate a steep ascent instead of sign A,3<sup>a</sup>;

"2) With respect to Article 11, paragraph 3, Finland notifies that the reservations Finland has made to Article 18, preamble and paragraphs 4 and 5 of Section F of Annex 5 and paragraph 6 of Section F of Annex 5 of the Convention on Road Signs and Signals shall also apply to the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention."

Reservation

(Original: English)

"With respect to Annex, paragraph 22 (amendment to the Note and Section A of Annex 4 of the Convention: Prohibition signs), Finland reserves the right to use an oblique red bar in signs corresponding to signs C,3<sup>a</sup>-C,3<sup>k</sup> of the Convention."

Protocol of 1 May 1973 on Road Markings, additional to the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals

Reservation

(Original: English)

"With respect to Annex, paragraph 6 (amendment to Article 29 paragraph 2 of the Convention), Finland reserves the right to use yellow colour for the continuous line between the opposite directions of traffic."

In accordance with their respective articles 4 (2), the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention on Road Traffic and the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals will also enter into force for Finland on 1 April 1986, i.e. twelve months after the date of deposit of its instruments of ratification.

1 May 1985

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REFERENCE: C.N.24.1994.TREATIES-1 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC  
CONCLUDED AT VIENNA ON 8 NOVEMBER 1968

COMMUNICATION BY FINLAND

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, and with reference to depositary notification C.N.90.1985.TREATIES-2/2/1/1/1 of 1 May 1985 concerning, inter alia, the ratification by Finland of the above-mentioned Convention, communicates the following:

On 20 August 1993, the Government of Finland informed the Secretary-General that its instrument of ratification should have specified that the said ratification was made subject to the following reservation, which was not transmitted to the Secretary-General when the instrument was deposited:

(Original: English)

"Finland does not consider itself to be bound by the provision in Annex 3 paragraph 4 a) concerning the minimum dimensions of the axes of the ellipse of the distinguishing sign on other motor vehicles and their trailers."

In keeping with the depositary practice followed in similar cases, the Secretary-General proposes to receive the reservations in question for deposit in the absence of any objection on the part of one of the Contracting States, either to the deposit itself or to the procedure envisaged, within a period of 90 days from the date of the present notification. In the absence of any such objection, the said reservation will be accepted for deposit upon the expiration of the above-stipulated 90-day period, that is on 30 May 1994.

1 March 1994

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REFERENCE: C.N.148.1994.TREATIES-4 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC  
CONCLUDED AT VIENNA ON 8 NOVEMBER 1968

ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESERVATION MADE BY FINLAND REGARDING  
ANNEX 3, PARAGRAPH 4 (a)

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, and with reference to depositary notification C.N.24.1994.TREATIES-1 of 1 March 1994, communicates the following:

Within a period of 90 days from the date of the above-mentioned depositary notification, none of the Contracting Parties to the above-mentioned Convention notified the Secretary-General of an objection. Consequently, the reservation is deemed to have been accepted for deposit upon the expiration of the above-mentioned 90-day period, i.e. on 30 May 1994.

24 June 1994

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