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

On 15 January 1991, the Government of Italy proposed, in accordance with article 12, paragraph 1, of the above-mentioned Agreement, several amendments to Regulation No. 51 ("Uniform provisions concerning the approval of motor vehicles having at least four wheels with regard to their noise") annexed to the Agreement.

A copy, in the English and French languages, of the two documents containing the text of the proposed amendments is transmitted herewith (supplement 1 to the 01 series of amendments: doc. TRANS/SC1/WP29/276 and Corr.1).

In this connexion, the Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to paragraph 1 of article 12 of said Agreement, which reads as follows:

"Any Contracting Party applying a Regulation may propose one or more amendments to it. The text of any proposed amendment to a Regulation shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit it to the other Contracting Parties. The amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted unless within a period of three months following this notification a Contracting Party applying the Regulation has expressed an objection, in which case the amendment shall be deemed to have been rejected. If the amendment is deemed to have been accepted, it shall enter into force at the end of a further period of two months."

12 April 1991

Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned