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CONVENTION ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS  
CONCLUDED AT VIENNA ON 8 NOVEMBER 1968  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY BELGIUM  
COMMUNICATIONS BY AUSTRIA, CHILE AND GERMANY

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

With reference to depositary notification C.N.61.1994.TREATIES-1 of 31 May 1994 concerning the amendments proposed by Belgium to the above Convention, the Secretary-General has received the following communications from Contracting Parties:

AUSTRIA

(Received on 30 May 1995)  
(Original: English)

"... The Republic of Austria while not rejecting the amendments proposed by Belgium according to article 41 paragraph 2 (a) [of the Convention] declares the following reservation:

The Republic of Austria declares that Figures [paragraphs] 4 and 6 of Annex 1, section G, subsection V to the Convention on Road Signs and Signals shall not be applied."

CHILE

(Received on 26 June 1995)  
(Original: Spanish)

The Permanent Mission of Chile hereby informs the Secretary-General that the Government of Chile accepts these proposed amendments.

However, without prejudice to the foregoing, it wishes to make some comments intended to clarify the proposed text. Thus, although it agrees to substitute the word "mass" for the word "weight" throughout the text, it believes that the States parties should be allowed a certain period of time in which to make the necessary adjustments.

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



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In annex 1, entitled "Road signs" (Signos camineros), the term Señales viales should be used whenever the signs referred to include those used on any transport route in the territory, not only on roads.

The proposed amendment to article 10, paragraph 6, should serve as an alternative to the Convention's current provisions, so that each Contracting Party may opt for the alternative that it finds more suitable.

The wording of article 13 bis, paragraph 2, should be changed to make it easier to understand.

The symbol mentioned in annex 1, section A, subsection II, paragraph 5, refers to swing bridges or drawbridges and not to suspension bridges; this should be rectified.

The symbol mentioned in annex 1, section A, subsection II, paragraph 25, refers to level-crossings with gates and not to bridges; this should be rectified.

#### GERMANY

(Received on 31 May 1995)  
(Courtesy Translation) (Original: German)

The proposals contain a revision of the Convention, whereby the location of the provisions and the references between the provisions were changed. For reasons of clarity, also the already existing reservations and declarations are hereinafter adjusted and/or confirmed.

#### 1. Reservations

##### 1.1 Reservation on Article 10 paragraph 6

Article 10 paragraph 6 applies in the Federal Republic of Germany subject to paragraph 9 of the Annex to the European Agreement of 1 May 1971 supplementing this Convention.

##### 1.2 Reservation on Article 23 paragraph 7

The Federal Republic of Germany does not consider itself bound by Article 23 paragraph 7.

##### 1.3 Reservation on Annex I section C subsection II No. 1: Prohibition and restriction of entry.

The Federal Republic of Germany does not consider itself bound as far as the design of sign C, 3<sup>g</sup> "No entry for any power-driven vehicle drawing a trailer" is concerned.

- 1.4 Reservation on Annex I section D subsection II No. 10:  
Compulsory direction for vehicles carrying dangerous goods.

The Federal Republic of Germany does not consider itself bound as far as the design of signs D,10<sup>a</sup>, D,10<sup>b</sup>, D,10<sup>c</sup> is concerned.

- 1.5 Reservation on Annex I section E subsection II No. 13:  
Signs notifying a bus or tramway stop.

The Federal Republic of Germany does not consider itself bound as far as the design of signs E 15 "Bus Stop" and E 16 "Tramway Stop" is concerned.

- 1.6 Reservation on Annex I section E subsection II No. 8: Signs having zonal validity.

The Federal Republic of Germany reserves the right to depict signs having zonal validity on a square panel.

- 1.7 Reservation on Annex I section G subsection I No. 1:  
General characteristics and symbols.

The Federal Republic of Germany reserves the right to give a rectangular shape to informative signs, especially to those indicating the number and direction of lanes.

- 1.8 Reservation on Annex I section G subsection V No. 7:  
Sign notifying advised itinerary for heavy vehicles.

The Federal Republic of Germany does not consider itself bound as far as the design of sign G, 18 "Advised itinerary for heavy vehicles" is concerned.

- 1.9 Reservation on Annex I section H No. 7:

The Federal Republic of Germany reserves the right to indicate a slippery road section also by means of a main panel (sign B, 1 with the symbol of additional panel H, 9)

2. Declarations:

On Article 9 para 1 and Article 10 para 3:

In accordance with Article 9 para 1 and Article 10 para 3 of the Convention as well as with paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Annex to the European Agreement of 1 May 1971 supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals of 8 November 1968, the Federal Republic of Germany notifies that it has chosen

- a) A<sup>a</sup> as the model for danger warning signs,
- b) B2<sup>a</sup> as the model for the "Stop" sign.



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Less than one-third of the Contracting Parties having informed the Secretary-General that they reject the said proposed amendments within the period of twelve months following the date of the above depositary notification, and in accordance with article 41 (2) (a) of the Convention, the proposed amendments are deemed to have been accepted.

The amendments will enter into force six months after the expiry of the said period of twelve months, i.e. on 30 November 1995 for all Contracting Parties. Paragraphs 4 and 6 of Annex 1, section G, subsection V will not enter into force for Austria only.

11 October 1995

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