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EUROPEAN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE WORK OF CREWS OF
VEHICLES ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT (AETR)

GENEVA, 1 JULY 1970

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS COMMUNICATED BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF FRANCE TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AGREEMENT, THE ANNEX
TO THE AGREEMENT AND THE APPENDICES TO THE ANNEX

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

On 17 June 2005, the Working Party on Road Transport of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) transmitted to the Secretary-General in accordance with article 21 (1) of the above Agreement, proposed amendments to the Agreement, its Annex and Appendices to the Annex, communicated by the Government of France, which were adopted at its ninety-eight session (paragraph 13 of the report TRANS/SC.1/375) held in Geneva from 27 to 29 October 2004.

The texts of the proposed amendments (accompanied by an explanatory memorandum), in the English, French and Russian languages, can be found in document TRANS/SC.1/375/Add.1 on the UNECE Transport Division website at the following address:

<http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc1/sc1rep.html>

With regard to the amendments to the Agreement and its Annex, the Secretary-General wishes to refer to article 21 (2) to (6) which provide that:

- “2. Within a period of six months from the date on which the proposed amendment is communicated by the Secretary-General, any Contracting Party may inform the Secretary-General:
 - (a) that it has an objection to the amendment proposed; or
 - (b) that, although it intends to accept the proposal, the conditions necessary for such acceptance are not yet fulfilled in its State.
3. If a Contracting Party sends to the Secretary-General a communication such as is provided for in paragraph 2(b) of this article, it may, so long as it has not notified the Secretary-General of its acceptance of the proposed amendment, submit an objection to the proposed amendment within a period of nine months following the expiry of the six-month

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period provided for its communication.

4. If an objection to the proposed amendment is stated in accordance with the terms of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall be of no effect.
5. If no objection to the proposed amendment has been stated under paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article, then the amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted as from the date specified below:
 - (a) if no Contracting Party has sent a communication to the Secretary-General under paragraph 2 (b) of this article: on the expiry of the period of six months referred to in paragraph 2 of this article;
 - (b) if any Contracting Party has sent a communication to the Secretary-General under paragraph 2 (b) of this article: on the earlier of the following two dates:
 - the date by which all the Contracting Parties which sent such communications have notified the Secretary-General of their acceptance of the proposal, subject to the proviso that, if all the acceptances were notified before the expiry of the period of six months referred to in paragraph 2 of this article, this date shall be taken to be the date of expiry of the said six-month period;
 - the date of expiry of the period of nine months referred to in paragraph 3 of this article.
6. Any amendment deemed to be accepted shall enter into force three months after the date on which it was deemed to be accepted.”

With regard to the amendments to the Appendices to the Annex, the Secretary-General wishes to refer to article 22 (4) and (5) which provide that:

- “4. The amendment shall be accepted if, within a period of six months following the date of notification, less than one-third of the competent administrations of the Contracting Parties notify the Secretary-General of their objection to the amendment.

5. Any amendment accepted shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to all the Contracting Parties and shall come into force three months after the date of its notification.”

24 June 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive script.