

Reference: C.N.682.2025.TREATIES-XI.B.20 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS  
VIENNA, 8 NOVEMBER 1968

CHILE: NOTIFICATION OF NON-ACCEPTANCE <sup>1</sup>

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

The above action was effected on 15 December 2025.

(Original: English and Spanish)

“... the Mission wishes to refer to the proposal for a total replacement amendment ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2023/2/Rev.2, dated 14 April 2025, submitted by Lithuania and Luxembourg, and notified through document C.N.172.2025.TREATIES-XI.B.20, dated 12 May 2025.

In this regard, the Government of Chile hereby communicates its decision to reject the aforementioned amendment, in accordance with Article 41, paragraph 1, of the Convention, and within the time limit established in Article 42, paragraph 2 (a), based on the following considerations:

a) With regard to the amendment procedure provided for in Article 41, it is considered that it is not entirely clear that such a mechanism may be used to replace an international treaty in its entirety. Unlike amendments submitted in previous years, which identified specific provisions to be modified, the current proposal entails a volume of changes that would, in practice, fully replace the existing text. This would reduce the natural space for States Parties to examine and negotiate multilaterally a new instrument that expressly abrogates the previous treaty, in accordance with established treaty practice.

b) As concerns the substantive consideration of the amendment, it is understood that it has been extensively discussed within the framework of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. However, Chile is not a member of that Commission nor has it been invited to participate in the relevant technical discussions, which makes it difficult to contribute to the process in an informed manner.

c) With respect to the priority road sign, it is considered that equalizing the width of the arrows could pose a risk to road safety. A thicker arrow constitutes a visual element that enables drivers to more clearly identify the obligation to give way.

d) Regarding the sign prohibiting the entry of certain vehicles, it is considered that the proposal is less clear insofar as it incorporates the tonnage restriction into a single symbol. From an operational and safety perspective, particularly in the context of bridge crossings, it appears more appropriate to maintain such restriction as an independent sign.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.172.2025.TREATIES-XI.B.20 of 12 May 2025 (Proposal of amendments to the Convention).

e) As regards the first aid sign, no technical reasons have been identified that would justify the removal of the Red Crescent and the Red Lion and Sun symbols, leaving only the Red Cross. The three emblems originate in the 1949 Geneva Conventions and are recognized as equivalent under international humanitarian law.”

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18 December 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'DN' with a horizontal line underneath.