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## EUROPEAN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> SUPPLEMENTING THE CONVENTION ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT VIENNA ON 8 NOVEMBER 1968<sup>2</sup>

The Contracting Parties, being also Parties to the Convention on Road Signs and Signals Opened for Signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968,<sup>2</sup>

Desiring to achieve greater uniformity in the rules governing road signs, signals and symbols and road markings in Europe,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* The Contracting Parties, being also Parties to the Convention on Road Signs and Signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968, shall take appropriate measures to ensure that the system of road signs and signals and of road markings applied in their territories conforms to the provisions of the annex to this Agreement.

*Article 2.* 1. This Agreement shall be open until 31 December 1972\* for signature by States which are signatories to the Convention on Road Signs and Signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968, or have acceded thereto, and are either members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe or have been admitted to the Commission in a consultative capacity in conformity with paragraph 8 of the terms of reference of the Commission.

2. This Agreement shall be subject to ratification after the State concerned has ratified the Convention on Road Signs and Signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968, or has acceded thereto. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

3. This Agreement shall remain open for accession by any of the States referred to in paragraph 1 of this article which are Parties to the Convention on Road Signs and Signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General.

\* In conformity with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee at its thirty-first session, the period during which the Agreement would be open for signature has been extended until 31 December 1972.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force in respect of the following States on 3 August 1979, i.e., 12 months after the date of deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession, in accordance with article 4 (1).

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession (a)</i>
France* .....	16 January 1974
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics* .....	27 September 1974 <i>a</i>
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic* .....	17 December 1974 <i>a</i>
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic* .....	30 December 1974 <i>a</i>
Democratic Republic of Germany* .....	18 August 1975 <i>a</i>
Luxembourg .....	25 November 1975
Hungary* .....	16 March 1976
Yugoslavia .....	6 June 1977 <i>a</i>
Czechoslovakia* .....	7 June 1978 <i>a</i>
Federal Republic of Germany* .....	3 August 1978

(With a declaration of application to Berlin (West).)

\* See p. 271 of this volume for the texts of the reservations and declarations made upon ratification or accession.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1091, p. 3.

*Article 3.* 1. Any State may, at the time of signing or ratifying this Agreement, or of acceding thereto, or at any time thereafter, declare by notification addressed to the Secretary-General that the Agreement shall become applicable to all or any of the territories for the international relations of which it is responsible. The Agreement shall become applicable to the territory or territories named in the notification thirty days after the receipt of the notification by the Secretary-General or on the date of entry into force of the Agreement for the State making the notification, whichever is the later.

2. Any State which has made a declaration under paragraph 1 of this article may at any time thereafter declare by notification addressed to the Secretary-General that the Agreement shall cease to be applicable to the territory named in the notification and the Agreement shall cease to be applicable to such territory one year from the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of the notification.

*Article 4.* 1. This Agreement shall enter into force twelve months after the date of deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession.

2. For each State ratifying, or acceding to, this Agreement after the deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession, the Agreement shall enter into force twelve months after the date of deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

3. If the date of entry into force applicable in pursuance of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article precedes that resulting from the application of article 39 of the Convention on Road Signs and Signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968, this Agreement shall enter into force within the meaning of paragraph 1 of this article on the later of those two dates.

*Article 5.* Upon its entry into force, this Agreement shall terminate and replace, in relations between the Contracting Parties, the provisions concerning the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals contained in the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Traffic and the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals of 1949, signed at Geneva on 16 September 1950,<sup>1</sup> the Agreement on Signs for Road Works signed at Geneva on 16 December 1955, and the European Agreement on Road Markings signed at Geneva on 13 December 1957.<sup>2</sup>

*Article 6.* 1. After this Agreement has been in force for twelve months, any Contracting Party may propose one or more amendments to the Agreement. The text of any proposed amendment, accompanied by an explanatory memorandum, shall be transmitted to the Secretary-General, who shall communicate it to all Contracting Parties. The Contracting Parties shall have the opportunity of informing him within a period of twelve months following the date of its circulation whether they: (a) accept the amendment; or (b) reject the amendment; or (c) wish that a conference be convened to consider the amendment. The Secretary-General shall also transmit the text of the proposed amendment to the other States referred to in article 2 of this Agreement.

2. (a) Any proposed amendment communicated in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article shall be deemed to be accepted if within the period of twelve months referred to in the preceding paragraph less than one-third of the Contracting Parties inform the Secretary-General that they either reject the amend-

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 182, p. 286.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 372, p. 159.

ment or wish that a conference be convened to consider it. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of each acceptance or rejection of any proposed amendment and of requests that a conference be convened. If the total number of such rejections and requests received during the specified period of twelve months is less than one-third of the total number of Contracting Parties, the Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties that the amendment will enter into force six months after the expiry of the period of twelve months referred to in paragraph 1 of this article for all Contracting Parties except those which, during the period specified, have rejected the amendment or requested the convening of a conference to consider it.

(b) Any Contracting Party which, during the said period of twelve months, has rejected a proposed amendment or requested the convening of a conference to consider it may at any time after the end of such period notify the Secretary-General that it accepts the amendment, and the Secretary-General shall communicate such notification to all the other Contracting Parties. The amendment shall enter into force, with respect to the Contracting Party which has notified its acceptance, six months after the date on which the Secretary-General receives the notification.

3. If a proposed amendment has not been accepted in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article and if within the period of twelve months specified in paragraph 1 of this article less than half of the total number of the Contracting Parties inform the Secretary-General that they reject the proposed amendment and if at least one-third of the total number of Contracting Parties, but not less than five, inform him that they accept it or wish a conference to be convened to consider it, the Secretary-General shall convene a conference for the purpose of considering the proposed amendment or any other proposal which may be submitted to him in accordance with paragraph 4 of this article.

4. If a conference is convened in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article, the Secretary-General shall invite to it all the Contracting Parties and the other States referred to in article 2 of this Agreement. He shall request all States invited to the Conference to submit to him, at least six months before its opening date, any proposals which they may wish the Conference to consider in addition to the proposed amendment and shall communicate such proposals, at least three months before the opening date of the conference, to all States invited to the Conference.

5. (a) Any amendment to this Agreement shall be deemed to be accepted if it has been adopted by a two-thirds majority of the States represented at the Conference, provided that such majority comprises at least two-thirds of the Contracting Parties represented at the Conference. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of the adoption of the amendment, and the amendment shall enter into force twelve months after the date of this notification for all Contracting Parties except those which during that period have notified the Secretary-General that they reject the amendment.

(b) A Contracting Party which has rejected an amendment during the said period of twelve months may at any time notify the Secretary-General that it accepts the amendment, and the Secretary-General shall communicate such notification to all the other Contracting Parties. The amendment shall enter into force, with respect to the Contracting Party which has notified its acceptance, six

months after receipt by the Secretary-General of the notification or at the end of the said period of twelve months, whichever is later.

6. If the proposed amendment is not deemed to be accepted pursuant to paragraph 2 of this article and if the conditions prescribed by paragraph 3 of this article for convening a conference are not fulfilled, the proposed amendment shall be deemed to be rejected.

7. Independently of the amendment procedure prescribed in paragraphs 1-6 of this article, the annex to this Agreement may be amended by agreement between the competent administrations of all Contracting Parties. If the administration of a Contracting Party states that its national law obliges it to subordinate its agreement to the grant of a specific authorization or to the approval of a legislative body, the competent administration of the Contracting Party in question shall be considered to have consented to the amendment to the annex only at such time as it notifies the Secretary-General that it has obtained the required authorization or approval. The agreement between the competent administrations may provide that, during a transitional period, the former provisions of the annex shall remain in force, in whole or in part, simultaneously with the new provisions. The Secretary-General shall appoint the date of entry into force of the new provisions.

8. Each State shall, at the time of signing, ratifying, or acceding to this Agreement, inform the Secretary-General of the name and address of its administration competent in the matter of agreement as contemplated in paragraph 7 of this article.

*Article 7.* Any Contracting Party may denounce this Agreement by written notification addressed to the Secretary-General. The denunciation shall take effect one year after the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of such notification. Any Contracting Party which ceases to be a Party to the Convention on Road Signs and Signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968 shall on the same date cease to be a Party to this Agreement.

*Article 8.* This Agreement shall cease to be in force if the number of Contracting Parties is less than five for any period of twelve consecutive months, or at such time as the Convention on Road Signs and Signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968 ceases to be in force.

*Article 9.* 1. Any dispute between two or more Contracting Parties which relates to the interpretation or application of this Agreement and which the Parties in dispute are unable to settle by negotiation or other means of settlement shall be referred to arbitration if any of the Contracting Parties in dispute so requests, and shall, to that end, be submitted to one or more arbitrators selected by mutual agreement between the Parties in dispute. If the Parties in dispute fail to agree on the choice of an arbitrator or arbitrators within three months after the request for arbitration, any of those Parties may request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to appoint a single arbitrator to whom the dispute shall be submitted for decision.

2. The award of the arbitrator or arbitrators appointed in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article shall be binding upon the Contracting Parties in dispute.

*Article 10.* Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as preventing a Contracting Party from taking such action, compatible with the provisions of the

Charter of the United Nations and limited to the exigencies of the situation, as it considers necessary to its external or internal security.

*Article 11.* 1. Any State may, at the time of signing this Agreement or of depositing its instrument of ratification or accession, declare that it does not consider itself bound by article 9 of this Agreement. Other Contracting Parties shall not be bound by article 9 with respect to any Contracting Party which has made such a declaration.

2. Reservations to this Agreement, other than the reservation provided for in paragraph 1 of this article, shall be permitted on condition that they are formulated in writing and, if formulated before the deposit of the instrument of ratification or accession, are confirmed in that instrument.

3. Any State shall, at the time of depositing its instrument of ratification of this Agreement or of accession thereto, notify the Secretary-General in writing to what extent any reservation made by it to the Convention on Road Signs and Signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968 apply to this Agreement. Any reservations to the Convention on Road Signs and Signals which have not been included in the notification made at the time of depositing the instrument of ratification of this Agreement or of accession thereto shall be deemed to be inapplicable to this Agreement.

4. The Secretary-General shall communicate the reservations and notifications made pursuant to this article to all States referred to in article 2 of this Agreement.

5. Any State which has made a declaration, a reservation or a notification under this article may withdraw it at any time by notification addressed to the Secretary-General.

6. Any reservation made in accordance with paragraph 2 or notified in accordance with paragraph 3 of this article:

- (a) Modifies, for the Contracting Party which has made or notified the reservation, the provisions of the Agreement to which the reservation relates, to the extent of the reservation;
- (b) Modifies those provisions to the same extent for the other Contracting Parties in their relations with the Contracting Party which made or notified the reservation.

*Article 12.* In addition to the declarations, notifications and communications provided for in articles 6 and 11 of this Agreement, the Secretary-General shall notify the Contracting Parties and the other States referred to in article 2 of the following:

- (a) Signatures, ratifications and accessions under article 2;
- (b) Notifications and declarations under article 3;
- (c) The dates of entry into force of this Agreement in accordance with article 4;
- (d) The date of entry into force of amendments to this Agreement in accordance with article 6, paragraphs 2, 5 and 7;
- (e) Denunciations under article 7;
- (f) The termination of this Agreement under article 8.

*Article 13.* After 31 December 1972,\* the original of this Agreement shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall send certified true copies to all the States referred to in article 2 of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Geneva, this first day of May nineteen hundred and seventy-one, in a single copy in the English, French and Russian languages, the three texts being equally authentic.

## ANNEX

1. For the purpose of this annex, the term "Convention" means the Convention on Road Signs and Signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968.

2. This annex contains only the additions to, and modifications of the corresponding provisions of the Convention.

3. *Ad article 1 of the Convention (Definitions)*

*Sub-paragraph (b).* This sub-paragraph shall be read as follows: " 'Built-up area' means an area with entries and exits specially sign-posted as such."

*Sub-paragraph (1).* Three-wheeled vehicles whose unladen weight does not exceed 400 kg (900 lb) shall be treated as motor cycles.

*Additional sub-paragraph to be inserted at the end of this article.* This sub-paragraph shall be read as follows: "Persons pushing or pulling a child's carriage, a bath chair or invalid chair, or any other small vehicle without an engine, or pulling a cycle or moped and handicapped persons travelling in invalid chairs propelled by such persons or moving at walking pace shall be treated as pedestrians."

4. *Ad article 3 of the Convention (Obligations of the Contracting Parties)*

*Paragraph 3.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Any sign, symbol, installation or marking which does not conform to the system prescribed in the Convention and in this Agreement shall be replaced within ten years from the date of entry into force of this Agreement. During this period, in order to familiarize road-users with the system prescribed in the Convention and in this Agreement, previous signs, symbols and inscriptions may be retained beside those prescribed in the Convention and in this Agreement."

5. *Ad article 6 of the Convention*

*Paragraph 4.* The provisions of this paragraph, which are recommendations in the Convention, shall be obligatory.

6. *Ad article 7 of the Convention*

*Paragraph 1; additional sentence to be inserted at the end of this paragraph.* This sentence shall be read as follows: "In addition, in the case of such signs it is recommended that signs lighted or equipped with reflecting material or reflecting devices and signs not so lighted or equipped should not be used on the same section of road."

\* In conformity with the decision of the Inland Transport Committee at its thirty-first session, the period during which the Agreement would be open for signature has been extended until 31 December 1972.

### 7. Ad article 8 of the Convention

*Paragraph 3.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: "During the transitional period of ten years prescribed in item 4 of this annex, and thereafter in exceptional circumstances to facilitate the interpretation of signs, an inscription may be added in a rectangular panel below the sign or in a rectangular panel containing the sign; such an inscription may also be placed on the sign itself, if this does not make the sign more difficult to understand for drivers who cannot understand the inscription."

### 8. Ad article 9 of the Convention

*Paragraph 1.* Each State shall select A<sup>a</sup> as the model for danger warning signs.

### 9. Ad article 10 of the Convention (Priority signs)

*Paragraph 3.* Each State shall select B, 2<sup>a</sup>, as the model for the "STOP" sign.

*Paragraph 6.* To give advance warning of sign B, 1, the same sign supplemented by a panel conforming to model 1 reproduced in annex 7 to the Convention shall be used.

To give advance warning of sign B, 2<sup>a</sup>, sign B, 1, supplemented by a rectangular panel bearing the "STOP" symbol and a figure indicating the distance to the sign B, 2<sup>a</sup>, shall be used.

### 10. Ad article 18 of the Convention (Place identification signs)

*Paragraph 2.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Signs E, 9<sup>a</sup>, and E, 9<sup>c</sup>, conforming to the models reproduced in annex 9 to the Convention, shall notify road-users that the general regulations governing traffic in built-up areas in the territory of the State apply from sign E, 9<sup>a</sup>, to sign E, 9<sup>c</sup>, except in so far as different regulations may be notified on certain sections of road in a built-up area. They shall bear inscriptions in a dark colour on a white or light-coloured ground and shall be placed respectively at the entries and exits of a built-up area. However, sign B, 4, shall always be placed on a priority road marked with sign B, 3, if that road ceases to have priority where it passes through the built-up area."

*Paragraph 3.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Place identification signs used for purposes other than that referred to in paragraph 2 of this article, as worded above, shall differ conspicuously from the signs referred to in that paragraph; they shall bear inscriptions in white or a light colour on a dark-coloured ground."

### 11. Ad article 23 of the Convention (Signals for vehicular traffic)

*Additional paragraph to be inserted immediately after paragraph 3 of this article.* This paragraph shall be read as follows:

"(a) The provisions of article 6, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, of the Convention which relate to road signs shall apply to traffic-light signals other than those used at level-crossings.

"(b) Traffic-light signals at intersections shall be placed before the intersection or in the middle of and above it; they may be repeated at the far side of the intersection.

"(c) In addition, it is recommended that domestic legislation should provide that traffic-light signals:

"(i) Shall be so placed so as not to impede vehicles moving in traffic on the carriageway and, in the case of signals set up on verges, as to impede pedestrians as little as possible;

"(ii) Shall be easily visible from a distance and readily understandable as they are approached; and

"(iii) Shall be standardized in the territory of each Contracting Party for the various categories of roads."

*Paragraph 9.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Where the green light in a three-colour system has the shape of one or more green arrows on a circular, black background, the lighting of the arrow or arrows shall mean that vehicles may proceed only in the direction or directions thus indicated. Arrows meaning that traffic may proceed straight ahead shall point upwards."

*Paragraph 10.* The beginning of this paragraph shall be read as follows: "Where a signal of a three-colour system includes one or more additional green lights in the shape of one or more green arrows on a circular black background, the lighting . . ."

*Additional paragraph to be inserted immediately after paragraph 10 of this article.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Where the red light or the yellow light shows the outline of one or more arrows, the meaning conveyed by the light shall apply only in respect of the direction or directions indicated by the arrow or arrows."

*Additional paragraph to be inserted immediately after paragraph 11 of this article.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: "In special cases where it is not necessary to use light signals continuously, a signal in the form of a non-flashing amber light followed by a non-flashing red light may be used; the non-flashing amber light may be preceded by a flashing amber light."

12. *Ad article 24 of the Convention (Signals for pedestrians only)*

*Paragraph 1, sub-paragraph (a) (ii).* This provision shall not be applied.

*Paragraph 2.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Light signals for pedestrians shall be of the two-colour system, comprising two lights, red and green respectively. Two lights shall never be shown simultaneously."

*Paragraph 3.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: "The lights shall be arranged vertically, with the red light always at the top and the green light always at the bottom. The red light shall be in the form of a standing pedestrian or of standing pedestrians and the green light in the form of a walking pedestrian or of walking pedestrians."

13. *Ad article 31 of the Convention (Signs for road works)*

*Paragraph 2.* The barriers shall not be painted with alternate black and white or black and yellow stripes.

14. *Ad article 32 of the Convention (Marking by lights or reflecting devices)*

This article shall be read as follows:

"1. It is recommended that attention should be drawn to the presence of bollards or islands on the carriageway by means of white or yellow lights or white or yellow reflecting devices.

"2. If the edges of the carriageway are marked by means of lights or reflecting devices, the lights or reflecting devices shall be either:

"(a) All white or light yellow; or

"(b) White or light yellow to mark the edge of the carriageway opposite to the direction of traffic, and red or dark yellow to mark the edge of the carriageway appropriate to the direction of traffic.

"3. Each State Party to this Agreement shall adopt for the whole of its territory the same colour or the same system of colours for the lights or reflecting devices referred to in this article."

15. *Ad article 33 of the Convention*

*Paragraph 1, sub-paragraph (a).* This sub-paragraph shall be read as follows:

"Where a signalling system is installed at a level-crossing to give warning of the approach of trains or of the imminent closing of the gates (barriers) or half-gates (half-barriers), it shall consist of a red flashing light or of red lights flashing alternately,

as specified in article 23, paragraph 1 (b), of the Convention. At level-crossings which have neither gates (barriers) nor half-gates (half-barriers), the signalling system shall preferably consist of two red lights flashing alternately. However:

- “(i) Flashing red lights may be supplemented or replaced by light signals of the three-colour red-amber-green system described in article 23, paragraph 2, of the Convention, or by such a signal without the green light if other three-colour light signals are installed on the road near the level-crossing or if the crossing is equipped with gates (barriers); flashing red lights at level-crossings having half-gates (half-barriers) may not be replaced in the manner specified in the preceding sentence; they may, however, be supplemented in that manner on condition that other three-colour light signals are installed on the road near the level-crossing;
- “(ii) On earth-tracks (dirt roads) where traffic is very light, and on footpaths, only a sound signal need be used.”

*Paragraph 2.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: “The light signals shall be installed on the edge of the carriageway appropriate to the direction of traffic; whenever conditions such as the visibility of the signals or the density of traffic so require, the lights shall be repeated on the other side of the road. However, if it is considered preferable because of local conditions, the lights may be repeated above the carriageway or on an island in the carriageway.”

#### 16. *Ad article 35 of the Convention*

*Paragraph 1.* The gates (barriers) and half-gates (half-barriers) of level-crossings shall not be marked in alternate stripes of black and white or black and yellow.

#### 17. *Ad annex 1, section B, to the Convention*

*Paragraph 2 (Dangerous descent).* This paragraph shall be read as follows:

“To give warning of a steep descent, symbol A, 2<sup>a</sup>, shall be used.

“The left-hand part of symbol A, 2<sup>a</sup> shall occupy the left-hand corner of the sign panel and its base shall extend over the whole width of the panel; the figure shows the gradient as a percentage.”

*Paragraph 3 (Steep ascent).* This paragraph shall be read as follows:

“To give warning of a steep ascent, symbol A, 3<sup>a</sup>, shall be used.

“The right-hand part of symbol A, 3<sup>a</sup>, shall occupy the right-hand corner of the sign panel and its base shall extend over the whole width of the panel; the figure shows the gradient as a percentage.”

*Paragraph 11 (Pedestrian crossing).* This paragraph shall be read as follows: “Warning of a pedestrian crossing shall be given by symbol A, 11<sup>a</sup>. The symbol may be reversed.”

#### 18. *Ad annex 2, section A, to the Convention*

*Paragraph 1 (“GIVE WAY” sign).* Sign B, 1, shall bear neither symbol nor inscription.

*Paragraph 2 (“STOP” sign).* This paragraph shall be read as follows:

“The STOP sign shall be sign B, 2, model B, 2<sup>a</sup>. Sign B, 2, model B, 2<sup>a</sup> shall be octagonal with a red ground, surrounded by a narrow white or light yellow border and bear the symbol STOP in white or light yellow; the height of the symbol shall be not less than one-third of the height of the panel.

“The height of the normal-sized sign B, 2<sup>a</sup>, shall be approximately 0.90 m (3 feet); the height of the small signs shall be not less than 0.60 m (2 feet).”

19. *Ad annex 2, section B, to the Convention*

*Paragraph 2 (Symbols), sub-paragraph (a) (i).* This provision shall be read as follows: "Intersection where the priority is that prescribed by the general priority rule in force in the country: symbol A, 21<sup>a</sup>, shall be used."

*Paragraph 2 (Symbols), sub-paragraph (a) (iii).* This provision shall be read as follows: "Intersection with a road to whose users drivers must give way. Sign B, 1, or sign B, 2<sup>a</sup>, shall be used in conformity with the provisions of item 9 of this annex."

*Paragraph 2 (Symbols), sub-paragraph (b).* This sub-paragraph shall be read as follows: "If traffic at the intersection is regulated by a light signal, a sign A<sup>a</sup>, bearing the symbol A, 16, described in annex 1, section B, to the Convention, may be set up to supplement or replace the sign described in this section."

20. *Ad annex 3, section A, to the Convention*

*Introductory sub-paragraph, first sentence.* This sentence shall be read as follows: "The sign to be used shall be sign A<sup>a</sup> described in annex 1, section A, to the Convention."

*Sub-paragraph (b).* This sub-paragraph shall be read as follows: "Warning of other level-crossings shall be given by the symbol A, 27<sup>a</sup>."

21. *Ad annex 3, section B, to the Convention*

Model B, 7<sup>c</sup>, of sign B, 7, shall not be used.

Models B, 7<sup>a</sup>, and B, 7<sup>b</sup>, may show red stripes on condition that neither the general appearance nor the effectiveness of the signs is impaired thereby.

22. *Ad annex 4, section A, to the Convention*

*Paragraph 2 (Description of signs), sub-paragraph (a) (Prohibition and restriction of entry) (i).* Model C, 1<sup>b</sup>, of sign C, 1, shall not be used.

*Paragraph 2 (Description of signs), sub-paragraph (a) (Prohibition and restriction of entry) (iii).* The two additional signs reproduced in the appendix to this annex and having the following meaning may be used:

—Additional Sign No. 1 "NO ENTRY FOR VEHICLES CARRYING MORE THAN A CERTAIN QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVES OR READILY INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES";

—Additional Sign No. 2 "NO ENTRY FOR VEHICLES CARRYING MORE THAN A CERTAIN QUANTITY OF SUBSTANCES LIABLE TO CAUSE WATER POLLUTION".

The note at the end of this provision shall be read as follows: "Signs C, 3<sup>a</sup>, to C, 3<sup>k</sup>, as well as the additional signs No. 1 and No. 2 mentioned under this item shall not incorporate an oblique red bar."

*Paragraph 2 (Description of signs), sub-paragraph (d) (Prohibition of overtaking).* Models C, 13<sup>ab</sup>, and C, 13<sup>bb</sup>, of the signs C, 13<sup>a</sup>, and C, 13<sup>b</sup>, shall not be used.

23. *Ad annex 4, section B, to the Convention*

*Paragraph 1 (General characteristics of signs and symbols), sub-paragraph (b).* This sub-paragraph shall be read as follows: "Unless provided otherwise, the signs shall be blue and the symbols shall be white or of a light colour."

*Paragraph 2 (Description of signs), sub-paragraph (a) (Direction to be followed).* Sign D, 1<sup>b</sup>, shall not be used.

*Paragraph 2 (Description of signs), sub-paragraph (c) (COMPULSORY ROUNDABOUT).* This sub-paragraph shall be read as follows:

"Sign D, 3, COMPULSORY ROUNDABOUT shall have no meaning other than to show the prescribed direction of movement of gyratory vehicular traffic.

"Where traffic keeps to the left, the direction of the arrows shall be reversed."

24. *Ad annex 5 to the Convention*

*General characteristics of signs and symbols in sections A to F; additional paragraph to be inserted immediately before section A of this annex.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: "On advance direction signs or direction signs relating to motorways or to roads treated as motorways, the symbols used on signs E, 15, and E, 17, may be reproduced on a reduced scale."

25. *Ad annex 5, section A, to the Convention*

*Paragraph 2 (Special cases), sub-paragraph (a).* The red bar of signs E, 2<sup>a</sup>, and E, 2<sup>b</sup>, shall be surrounded by a white rim.

26. *Ad annex 5, section B, to the Convention*

*Paragraph 1.* Sign E, 5<sup>c</sup>, shall not be used.

*Paragraph 2.* Sign E, 6<sup>c</sup>, shall not be used.

27. *Ad annex 5, section C, to the Convention*

*Additional paragraph to be inserted at the end of this section.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: "Signs E, 9<sup>a</sup>, and E, 9<sup>c</sup>, bearing inscriptions in a dark colour on a white or light-coloured ground, shall be used in conformity with the provisions of item 10 of this annex."

28. *Ad annex 5, section E, to the Convention*

Sign E, 11<sup>b</sup>, shall not be used.

29. *Ad annex 5, section F, to the Convention*

*Paragraph 2 ("ONE-WAY ROAD" sign), sub-paragraph (b).* The arrow of sign E, 13<sup>b</sup>, shall bear an inscription only if the effectiveness of the sign is not impaired thereby.

*Paragraph 3 ("NO THROUGH ROAD" sign).* The red bar of sign E, 14, shall be surrounded by a white rim.

*Paragraph 4 (Signs notifying an entry to or an exit from a motorway); additional sub-paragraph, to be inserted immediately after the first sub-paragraph of this paragraph.* This sub-paragraph shall be read as follows: "Sign E, 15, may be used, and repeated, to give warning of the approach of a motorway. Each sign set up for this purpose shall carry either an inscription in its lower part showing the distance between the sign and the beginning of the motorway or an additional panel conforming to model 1 in annex 7 to the Convention."

*Paragraph 5 (Signs notifying an entry to or an exit from a road on which the traffic rules are the same as on a motorway); additional sub-paragraph to be inserted immediately after the first sub-paragraph of this paragraph.* This sub-paragraph shall be read as follows: "Sign E, 17, may be used and repeated to give warning of the approach to a road on which the traffic rules are the same as on a motorway. Each sign set up for this purpose shall carry either an inscription in its lower part showing the distance between the sign and the beginning of the road on which the traffic rules are the same as on a motorway or an additional panel conforming to model 1 in annex 7 to the Convention."

30. *Ad annex 5, section G, to the Convention*

*Paragraph 2 (Description of symbols), sub-paragraph (a).* Symbols F, 1<sup>b</sup>, and F, 1<sup>c</sup>, shall not be used.

31. *Ad annex 6, section A, to the Convention*

*Description of signs; paragraph 1, sub-paragraph (b).* This provision shall not be applied.

*Paragraph 2, sub-paragraph (c).* This provision shall not be applied.

*Paragraph 3, sub-paragraph (e).* The possibility, where the prohibition applies only over a short distance, of setting up only one sign showing in a red circle the distance on which the prohibition applies, shall not be used.

32. *Ad annex 6, section B, to the Convention*

*Paragraph 1* (“PARKING” sign). The square panel mentioned in the first sub-paragraph of this paragraph shall bear the letter “P”.

*Paragraph 2* (Sign indicating the exit from a limited duration parking zone); *additional text to be inserted at the end of this paragraph.* This text shall be read as follows:

“Instead of the parking disc, the signs depicted on the entry sign may be used, in light grey.

“The sign indicating the exit from a limited duration parking zone may be placed on the reverse side of the sign indicating the entry to the zone and intended for oncoming traffic.”

33. *Ad annex 7 of the Convention (Additional panels)*

*Additional paragraph to be inserted immediately after paragraph 1.* This paragraph shall be read as follows: “The ground of additional panels should be preferably the same as the ground of the particular groups of signs with which they are used.”

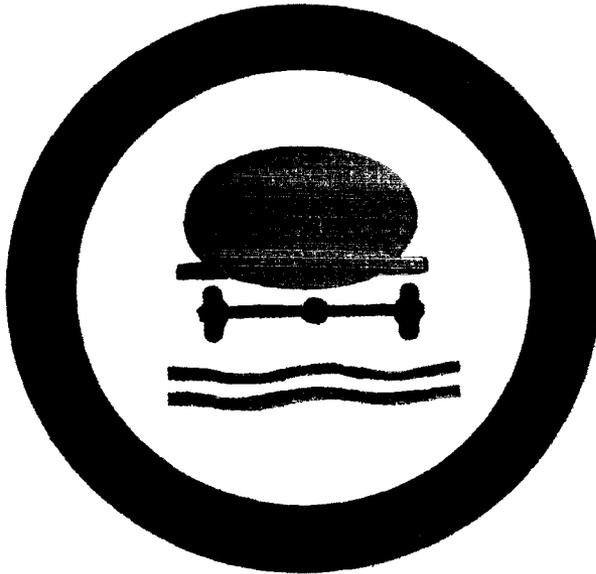
ANNEX—APPENDIX

ADDITIONAL SIGN No. 1



NO ENTRY FOR VEHICLES CARRYING MORE THAN A CERTAIN QUANTITY  
OF EXPLOSIVES OR READILY INFLAMMABLE SUBSTANCES.

## ADDITIONAL SIGN NO. 2



NO ENTRY FOR VEHICLES CARRYING MORE THAN A CERTAIN QUANTITY  
OF SUBSTANCES LIABLE TO CAUSE WATER POLLUTION.

For Albania:  
Pour l'Albanie :  
За Албанию:

For Austria:  
Pour l'Autriche :  
За Австрию:

Dr. RUDOLF MARTINS  
Subject to ratification<sup>1</sup>  
15th December 1972

For Belgium:  
Pour la Belgique :  
За Бельгию:

VAN BELLINGHEN  
Le 28 octobre 1971

For Bulgaria:  
Pour la Bulgarie :  
За Болгарию:

For the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic:  
Pour la République socialiste soviétique de Biélorussie :  
За Белорусскую Советскую Социалистическую Республику:

For Cyprus:  
Pour Chypre :  
За Кипр:

For Czechoslovakia:  
Pour la Tchécoslovaquie :  
За Чехословакию:

For Denmark:  
Pour le Danemark :  
За Данию:

ERIK THRANE  
May 2nd, 1972

<sup>1</sup> Sous réserve de ratification.

For the Federal Republic of Germany:  
Pour la République fédérale d'Allemagne :  
За Федеративную Республику Германии:

Sous réserve de ratification<sup>1</sup>

HELMUTH BOOSS

28 mai 1971

SWIDBERT SCHNIPPENKÖTTER

28.5.71

For Finland:  
Pour la Finlande :  
За Финляндию:

Under reservation of ratification<sup>2</sup>

KLAUS SAHLGREN

22nd of December 1972

For France:  
Pour la France :  
За Францию:

FERNAND-LAURENT

Le 29 décembre 1972

For Greece:  
Pour la Grèce :  
За Грецию:

For Hungary:  
Pour la Hongrie :  
За Венгрию:

KISS DEZSÖ

1972/XII/29

For Iceland:  
Pour l'Islande :  
За Исландию:

<sup>1</sup> Subject to ratification.

<sup>2</sup> Sous réserve de ratification.

For Ireland:  
Pour l'Irlande :  
За Ирландию:

For Italy:  
Pour l'Italie :  
За Италию:

For Luxembourg:  
Pour le Luxembourg :  
За Люксембург:

Sous réserve de ratification<sup>1</sup>

R. LOGELIN  
25.5.71

For Malta:  
Pour Malte :  
За Мальту:

For the Netherlands:  
Pour les Pays-Bas :  
За Нидерланды:

For Norway:  
Pour la Norvège :  
За Норвегию:

For Poland:  
Pour la Pologne :  
За Польшу:

For Portugal:  
Pour le Portugal :  
За Португалию:

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to ratification.

For Romania:  
Pour la Roumanie :  
За Румынию:

CONSTANTIN ENE  
Le 6 octobre 1972

La République socialiste de Roumanie ne se considère pas liée aux prévisions de l'article 9 de cet Accord<sup>1</sup>.

For Spain:  
Pour l'Espagne :  
За Испанию:

For Sweden:  
Pour la Suède :  
За Швецию:

BERTIL HOLMQUIST  
1 Februari 1972

For Switzerland:  
Pour la Suisse :  
За Швейцарию:

Sous réserve de ratification<sup>2</sup>

JEAN HUMBERT  
31 octobre 1972

For Turkey:  
Pour la Turquie :  
За Турцию:

For the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic:  
Pour la République socialiste soviétique d'Ukraine :  
За Украинскую Советскую Социалистическую Республику:

For the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:  
Pour l'Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques :  
За Союз Советских Социалистических Республик:

<sup>1</sup> [Translation — Traduction]. The Socialist Republic of Romania does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 9 of this Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to ratification.

For the United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland:

Pour le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne  
et d'Irlande du Nord :

За Соединенное Королевство Великобритании  
и Северной Ирландии:

FREDERICK MASON  
27 October 1971

For the United States of America:

Pour les États-Unis d'Amérique :

За Соединенные Штаты Америки:

For Yugoslavia:

Pour la Yougoslavie :

За Югославию:

## RESERVATIONS AND DECLARATIONS MADE UPON RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION (a)

## RÉSERVATIONS ET DÉCLARATIONS FAITES LORS DE LA RATIFICATION OU DE L'ADHÉSION (a)

## BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC (a)

## RÉPUBLIQUE SOCIALISTE SOVIÉTIQUE DE BIÉLORUSSIE (a)

[For the texts of the declaration and the reservation, see vol. 1137, p. 369.]

[Pour les textes de la déclaration et de la réserve, voir vol. 1137, p. 369.]

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA (a)

## TCHÉCOSLOVAQUIE (a)

[For the texts of the reservation and the declaration, see vol. 1137, p. 369.]

[Pour les textes de la réserve et de la déclaration, voir vol. 1137, p. 369.]

## FRANCE

## FRANCE

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

With regard to article 23, paragraph 3 *bis* (b), of the Agreement on Road Signs and Signals, France intends to retain the possibility of using lights placed on the side opposite to the direction of traffic, so as to be in a position to convey meanings different from those conveyed by the lights placed on the side appropriate to the direction of traffic.

« En ce qui concerne l'article 23, paragraphe 3 *bis*, b, de l'Accord sur la signalisation routière, la France entend conserver la possibilité d'utiliser les feux situés du côté opposé au sens de circulation, afin d'être en mesure de donner des indications différentes de celles données par les feux situés du côté correspondant au sens de circulation. »

## GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (a)

## RÉPUBLIQUE DÉMOCRATIQUE ALLEMANDE (a)

[For the texts of the reservation and the declarations, see vol. 1137, p. 369.]

[Pour les textes de la réserve et des déclarations, voir vol. 1137, p. 369.]

## FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

## RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE

## [GERMAN TEXT — TEXTE ALLEMAND]

„Zu Abs. 3 des Anhangs (Artikel 1 Buchstabe l)

Die Bundesrepublik Deutschland betrachtet sich nicht an Abs. 3 des Anhangs (Artikel 1 Buchstabe l) gebunden.

„Zu Abs. 15 des Anhangs (Artikel 33 Abs. 1 Buchstabe a Ziffer i).

Die Bundesrepublik Deutschland betrachtet sich nicht an Abs. 15 des Anhangs (Artikel 33 Abs. 1 Buchstabe a Ziffer i) gebunden.“

## [TRANSLATION]

*Ad paragraph 3 of the annex (article 1, sub-paragraph (l) of the Convention)*

The Federal Republic of Germany does not consider itself bound by paragraph 3 of the annex (article 1, sub-paragraph (l), of the Convention.)

*Ad paragraph 15 of the annex (article 33, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph (a), No. (i) of the Convention)*

The Federal Republic of Germany does not consider itself bound by paragraph 15 of the annex (article 33, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph (a), No. (i), of the Convention).

## HUNGARY

“The Presidential Council of the Hungarian People’s Republic does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 9 of the Agreement, in pursuance of article 11, paragraph 1, thereof.

“The Presidential Council of the Hungarian People’s Republic declares that the provisions . . . of article 2 of the European Agreement, supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968, opened for signature at Geneva on 1 May 1971, are at variance with the generally recognized principle of the sovereign equality of States and it considers that these international instruments should be open for participation by all interested States without any discrimination.

“The Presidential Council of the Hungarian People’s Republic further declares that the provisions of . . . article 3 of the European Agreement, supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968, opened

## [TRADUCTION]

*Annexe, paragraphe 3 (alinéa l de l'article premier de la Convention)*

La République fédérale d'Allemagne ne se considère pas liée par le paragraphe 3 de l'annexe (alinéa l de l'article premier de la Convention).

*Annexe, paragraphe 15 (point i de l'alinéa a du paragraphe 1 de l'article 33 de la Convention)*

La République fédérale d'Allemagne ne se considère pas liée par le paragraphe 15 de l'annexe (point i de l'alinéa a du paragraphe 1 de l'article 33 de la Convention).

## HONGRIE

## [TRADUCTION — TRANSLATION]

Le Conseil présidentiel de la République populaire hongroise ne se considère pas lié par les dispositions de l'article 9 de l'Accord, en application de son article 11, paragraphe 1.

Le Conseil présidentiel de la République populaire hongroise déclare que les dispositions de l'article 2 de l'Accord européen complétant la Convention sur la signalisation routière ouverte à la signature à Vienne le 8 novembre 1968, ouvert à la signature à Genève le 1<sup>er</sup> mai 1971, sont contraires au principe généralement reconnu de l'égalité souveraine des Etats et estime que ces instruments internationaux doivent être ouverts à la participation de tous les Etats intéressés sans discrimination d'aucune sorte.

Le Conseil présidentiel de la République populaire hongroise déclare en outre que les dispositions de l'article 3 de l'Accord européen complétant la Convention sur la signalisation routière ouverte à la signature à Vienne le 8 novembre 1968, ouvert à la signature à

for signature at Geneva on 1 May 1971, are at variance with the Declaration of the United Nations General Assembly on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960].<sup>1</sup>

Genève le 1<sup>er</sup> mai 1971, sont contraires à la Déclaration de l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies sur l'octroi de l'indépendance aux pays et aux peuples coloniaux [résolution 1514 (XV) du 14 décembre 1960]<sup>1</sup>.

*UKRAINIAN SOVIET  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC (a)*

*RÉPUBLIQUE SOCIALISTE  
SOVIÉTIQUE D'UKRAINE (a)*

[For the texts of the declaration and the reservation, see vol. 1137, p. 369.]

[Pour les textes de la déclaration et de la réserve, voir vol. 1137, p. 369.]

*UNION OF SOVIET  
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS (a)*

*UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES  
SOCIALISTES SOVIÉTIQUES (a)*

[For the texts of the declaration and the reservation, see vol. 1137, p. 369.]

[Pour les textes de la déclaration et de la réserve, voir vol. 1137, p. 369.]

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/4684), p. 66.

<sup>1</sup> Nations Unies, *Documents officiels de l'Assemblée générale, quinzième session, Supplément n° 16* (A/4684), p. 70.