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

The above action was effected on 8 November 2007, with:

Reservations (Original: English)

“Notwithstanding Article 16, paragraph 1, and the amended Article 16, paragraph 1, getting into the left-hand lane is not mandatory in the Netherlands;

Notwithstanding Article 26, paragraph 1, it is not prohibited for road-users to cut across files of school children accompanied by a person in charge and other processions;

Notwithstanding Article 27, paragraph 3, it is not prohibited in the Netherlands for cyclists and moped riders to carry passengers on their vehicles;

Notwithstanding Articles 35 and 36, agricultural and forestry tractors, vehicles for the disabled, motorcycles of limited speed and the trailers towed by them are not required to display a registration number;

Notwithstanding the amended Article 35, a reservation is made with respect to vehicles that are required to display a registration number.”

Notification (Original: English)

“In conformity with the provision of Article 45, paragraph 4, of the Convention on Road Traffic, with Annexes, done on 8 November 1968, as amended, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, for the Kingdom in Europe, has selected “NL” as the distinguished sign for display in international traffic on vehicles registered by it, in accordance with Annex 3 to this Convention.”
The Convention will enter into force for the Netherlands on 8 November 2008 in accordance with its article 47 (2) which reads as follows:

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

8 January 2008

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