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**REVISION OF THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION
ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS (R.E.1)**

Overtaking

Note by the Small Group on Overtaking

Questionnaire

State _____

I. Do your national laws have definitions for the following terms:

1. **“Overtaking”?** **“Yes”** **“No”**

If **“Yes”**, please give definition _____

2. **“Lane change”?** **“Yes”** **“No”**

If **“Yes”**, please give definition _____

3. **“Vehicle passing”?** **“Yes”** **“No”**

If **“Yes”**, please give definition _____

4. Are signs C, 13^a, "Overtaking prohibited", and C, 13^b, "Overtaking by goods vehicles prohibited", used on multilane carriageways for traffic moving in the same direction?

"Yes" "No"

5. If "Yes", describe situations where the above-mentioned signs are used. _____

II. Do you consider it necessary to include the terms "Overtaking", "Lane change" and "Vehicle passing" in article 1 of the Road Traffic Convention, and to make consequential changes in the other articles of the Convention on Road Traffic and the Convention on Road Signs and Signals?

"Yes" "No"

If "Yes", please express your opinion regarding the definitions proposed for inclusion in the Convention: _____

1. **Overtaking** means the action of passing one or more vehicles by moving out into the lane carrying oncoming traffic and subsequently returning to the previously occupied lane.

2. **Lane change** means moving out from the occupied lane while continuing to drive in the original direction.

3. **Vehicle passing** means travelling at a speed greater than the speed of a neighbouring vehicle which is travelling in an adjacent traffic lane.

Note: When Working Party WP.1 comes to draw up proposed amendments to the corresponding articles of the Convention, it is suggested that:

The term "**Overtaking**" shall be used only in cases where, in order to pass other vehicles travelling ahead of it, a vehicle is obliged to move out into the lane designated for oncoming traffic.

The terms "**Lane change**" and "**Vehicle passing**" shall be used when vehicles are travelling on a multilane carriageway for traffic moving in the same direction. In these cases, vehicles shall be forbidden to move out into the lane designated for oncoming traffic, and consequently "**Overtaking**" shall be prohibited.
