

# EXPERT GROUP ROAD SIGNS & SIGNALS

Final Report Convention signs

ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/4

# MANDATE

Three main objectives:

1. assess the internal (in)consistencies of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals. Consider the coherence of these two international legal instruments.



# MANDATE

Three main objectives:

2. take stock of the existing national legislation (of each Contracting Party to these two legal instruments) to describe and assess the degree of implementation of the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals in these Contracting Parties.

# MANDATE

Three main objectives:

3. write and submit a final report. In general, the report will aim at identifying any perceived inadequacies and inconsistencies of the two legal instruments; and inconsistencies between these two legal instruments and the existing national legislation.

The final report may propose amendments to the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals and the 1971 European Agreement supplementing the 1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals.

# REPORT

## Structure:

Section 1. Conclusions and recommendations regarding the inconsistencies and inaccuracies identified by the Group in the provisions of the Convention and the European Agreement (page 3 – 14)

1.1 Proposal for amending specific provisions of the Convention

1.2 Proposals suggesting amendments to Annexes 1, 2 and 3 of the Convention

1.3. Proposal for amending the provisions of the European Agreement

1.4 Proposal for amending the Protocol on Road Markings Additional to the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention

# REPORT

## Structure

Example:

### Section 1

#### Issue 6

Article 5, paragraph 2, (a) of the Convention stipulates that “Where this Convention allows a choice between several signs or several symbols Contracting Parties undertake to adopt only one of such signs or symbols for the whole of their territories”. In order to have consistency in the ground colors of signs of the same category (where the Convention allows a choice between colors) within Contracting Parties, there is need to expand this obligation to the ground color of signs. To this end, the Group recommends an amendment to Article 5, paragraph 2 (a) (see subsection 1.1 of this document on an amendment to the Convention, Article 5, paragraph 2 (a)).


### Section 1.1

2. Where this Convention allows a choice between several signs, ~~or~~ several symbols, **or several colours,**

(a) Contracting Parties undertake to adopt only one of such signs or symbols for the whole of their territories **and only one of such colours for the permanent signs of category A and C and the relevant permanent signs of category B for the whole of their territories and only one of such colours for the temporary signs for the whole of their territories;**

# REPORT Structure

## Subsection 1.1 Proposal for amending specific provisions of the Convention (p.14 – 22)

- General provisions (definitions);
  - The classification of the different signs;
  - The use of each sign class;
  - ...
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# REPORT

## Structure

Example

Section 1

Issue 5

The additional panels are classified under the class of informative signs. Instead, they should be a class of its own. To this end, the Group recommends an amendment to Article 5 of the Convention (see subsection 1.1 of this document on an amendment to the Convention, Article 5, paragraph 1 (c) (iii) and paragraph 1 (d)).

Subsection 1.1

Article 5

(ii) ~~Direction, position or indication signs~~ **Other information signs:**

- Advance direction signs;
- Direction signs;
- Road identification signs;
- Place identification signs;
- Confirmatory signs;
- Indication signs;

~~— (iii) Additional panels.~~

**(d) Additional panels: these signs, only used with other signs, provide additional information.**



# REPORT Structure

Subsection 1.2 Proposals suggesting amendments to Annexes 1, 2 and 3 of the Convention (p. 22 – 23 + ECE/TRANS/WP.1/2019/5)

- Annex 1 - Annex 3 → fusion;
- Annex 2 – minor amendment proposals.

# REPORT Structure

Subsection 1.3. Proposal for amending the provisions of the European Agreement (page 23 – 28).



# REPORT Structure

Subsection 1.4 Proposal for amending the Protocol on Road Markings Additional to the European Agreement Supplementing the Convention (page 28 – 29).



# REPORT


Structure:

Section 2. Conclusions and recommendations on the implementation of the Convention and the European Agreement to their Contracting Parties (Page 29 – 79).



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## Proposal:

- Comments, in track changes, to be send to the secretariat and the chair of the expert group before the end of this year (31 December 2019);
  - Compilation of these comments to be discussed during a dedicated day during the March and September session;
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# NON-CONVENTION SIGNS

## State of play

- List of signs ordered by priority (informal document nr. 2 of the 18<sup>th</sup> session of the expert group);
  - Expert group R & S 2020 → Global Forum 2021.
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