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Report of the second informal session of Group of Experts on Road Sings and Signals

I. Attendance

1. The Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals (GE.2) held its second informal session on 14 March 2022, chaired by Mr. K. Hofman (Belgium). Representatives of the following ECE member States participated: Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Luxembourg, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden and Switzerland.

2. A Representative of non ECE member States: Nigeria and the following non-Governmental Organizations were represented: Confederation of Organization in Road Transport (CORTE), Easa Husain Al-Yousifi & Sons Company, International Road Safety Initiative (IROSI) and Strasse-Schiene-Verkehr (FSV).

II. Adoption of the Agenda

3. The Group of Experts adopted the session's agenda.

III. Non-convention signs - "cycles in shared roads"

4. The Group discussed Informal document No.1 prepared and submitted by Mr. S. Egger (FSV) as per paragraph 5 of report of the informal session of Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals that took place on 4 February 2022. The Group appreciated Informal document No. 1 and decided – in order to continue developing a new sign on "cycles in shared roads" - to use the signs E, 5 and E, 6 as templates, with the white symbol of a cycle, with a non-mandatory inscription "cycle road/street" below the cycle symbol. The proposal to include the symbol of a motor vehicle remains to be discussed and decided. Similarly, the definition of this new sign is to follow (as appropriate) the definitions of E, 5 and E, 6 signs. The zonal validity signs (E, 9 and E, 10) are to include this sign. The Group invited Mr. S. Egger (FSV) to provide examples of images for the next informal session.

IV. Other Business

5. The Group of Experts discussed how to assign the two "priority areas" (micromobility and low emission zones) which still remain to be assessed. After discussion, CORTE volunteered and will be a leader in the area of "low emission zones" while the "micromobility" area remains unassigned.

6. In addition, the Group agreed on the deadlines for submission of documents for each sub-group: Portugal will present on 4 April; Belgium, Finland, and Sweden on 26 April; and Mr. Al-Yousefi and CORTE on 9 May. Informal documents are to be submitted to the secretariat at least one week before the sessions.

V. Date of next informal session

7. The next informal session of the Group of Experts is scheduled for 4 April 2022 (in English only, remote participation).

VI. Adoption of the report of this session

8. The Group of Experts adopted the report of this session.