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Global Forum for Road Traffic Safety

Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

Informal session

Geneva, 23 June 2022

Report of the sixth informal session of Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals

I. Attendance

1. The Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals (GE.2) held its sixth informal session on 23 June 2022, chaired by Mr. K. Hofman (Belgium). Representatives of the following ECE member States participated: Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden and Switzerland.
2. The following non-Governmental Organizations were represented: Confederation of Organization in Road Transport (CORTE), 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” and non-compulsory cycle track

4. The Group discussed this subject using Informal document No. 1 (23 June 2022) prepared by the Chair and secretariat. After discussions, the Group has requested that the definitions be revised by changing the word “preferable” to “preferably” (where appropriate) and by allowing to display the inscription (“cycle street”) on the sign. The Chair and secretariat will table the revised document (Informal document No. 1/Rev.1 (23 June 2022) at the next informal session.

IV. Non-Convention signs – “cycle crossings located at pedestrian crossings”.

5. The Group discussed Informal document No. 2 (23 June 2022) prepared by the Chair and secretariat which proposes the image and definition of “cycle crossing” sign (as well as proposals for the sign that combines pedestrian and cycle crossings signs). After discussion, the Group agreed to introducing a new “cycle crossing” E category sign and to

revise the proposed definition to say: “This symbol shall display a cycle on a crossing marked by squares or parallelograms”. The Group also agreed to introduce a new sign which conveys information about the location where pedestrian and cycle crossing are in close proximity (i.e., next to each other). The preferred model is the top left image on page 3 while a new definition is still to be proposed. Accordingly, the Chair and secretariat will revise the document (as Informal document No. 2/Rev.1 (23 June 2022) for the next session. Mr. S. Egger (FSV) was invited to create and submit high quality images of cycle crossing signs (for A and E categories) and a “combined” pedestrian and cycle crossing sign (E category only).

V. Road signs for small vehicles

6. The Group began discussing “Road signs for small vehicles motorized and non-motorized” (Informal document No. 3 (4 April 2022)) at this session. It will continue reviewing this document at the next session.

VI. Other Business

7. The Chair reminded a private sector expert (IROSİ) that it is not up to the private sector to comment on nor to decide who represents a country at the Group of Experts. The Chair also found it inappropriate for IROSİ to invite others to participate in the Group’s sessions. The Group is an intergovernmental body, and private sector experts are invited by the secretariat to share their technical expertise. Should this happen again there is no other option than to ban the private sector expert concerned as it jeopardizes the work of the Group and makes the managing of the Group of Experts simply impossible. The secretariat explained that the Government of Nigeria is represented by the Federal Road Safety Corps.

VII. Date of next session

8. The next informal session of the Group of Experts is scheduled for 6 September 2022 (in English, remote access only).

VIII. Adoption of the report of this session

9. The Group of Experts adopted the report of this informal session.
