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PERU JOINS CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC

Peru has become the sixty-fifth Contracting Party to the UN Convention on Road Traffic.

The Convention on Road Traffic, which was done in Vienna in 1968, regulates all facets of driving behaviour, such as speed and distance between vehicles, intersections and obligation to give way. Moreover, it details the technical conditions for the admission of vehicles and drivers to international traffic and provides models of domestic and international driving permits.

Together with the Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals, the Convention on Road Traffic provides Governments with a harmonized legal and technical basis for their national highway codes and ensures a high level of road safety in the countries that implement them. Though elaborated and kept up to date by the UNECE in Geneva, the two Conventions are global in character with Contracting Parties from all continents.

Peru's accession to this Convention is a sign of the growing awareness of countries throughout the world about the importance of improving road safety, following UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/60/5.

In this Resolution, the General Assembly stressed the importance of the improvement of international road safety norms and welcomed the work of the UNECE Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1) in the elaboration of the amendments to these Conventions. It also encouraged Member States to adhere to those Conventions, in order to ensure a high level of road safety in their countries.

Other Contracting Parties to the Convention in the Latin America and Caribbean region are Bahamas, Brazil, Cuba, Guyana and Uruguay.

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