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AMENDMENTS TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1968 CONVENTIONS ON ROAD TRAFFIC AND ON ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS AND THE 1971 EUROPEAN AGREEMENTS SUPPLEMENTING THEM

PROPOSED AMENDMENT ON ROAD MARKINGS

Transmitted by Switzerland

Switzerland thinks that the proposal by the International Road Safety Organization (PRI) (TRANS/WP.1/2002/11) is too detailed in substance and considers that the expressions adopted are in contradiction with the terminology used in the Convention and are therefore unsuitable for a text of this type. Switzerland proposes the following text for article 29, paragraph 4 on the basis of the relevant requirement concerning signs in article 6, paragraph 1, of the Convention on Road Signs and Signals:

Article 29, paragraph 4, CSR

4. Road markings intended for moving vehicles shall be easily recognized in good time by the drivers for whom they are intended. It is recommended that these markings, particularly in areas where lighting is poor or non-existent, should be reflectorized.

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In the opinion of Switzerland, the new article 29 bis proposed by PRI contains too many details. Switzerland therefore proposes to include in this article only the principles governing temporary markings.

Article 29 bis CSR

- 1. When permanent road markings are to be modified for a specific period, in particular because of roadworks or diversions, temporary markings shall be applied in a colour the characteristics of which are different from those of the colours used for the usual permanent markings.
- 2. Temporary markings shall cancel out the validity of permanent markings and road users are required to conform to them. When the simultaneous use of permanent and temporary markings leads to confusion, the permanent markings shall be covered over or removed.
- 3. Temporary markings shall preferably be designed to be retroreflective, and may be supplemented by beacons or cats eyes with a view to improving traffic guidance.
