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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 THE LEGIBILITY AND VISIBILITY
OF ROAD SIGNS**

Transmitted by Switzerland

Switzerland thinks that the proposal by the International Road Safety Organization (PRI) (TRANS/WP.1/2001/41) 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. Bearing in mind the principles of the legibility and visibility of signs, which should be improved with regard to the text in force, Switzerland proposes the following version:

Article 7, Convention on Road Signs and Signals (CRS)

1. It is recommended that domestic legislation should provide that in order to make them **clearly** visible and legible at night, road signs, in particular danger warning signs, priority signs, **prohibitory or restrictive signs, mandatory signs, special regulation signs, information signs and direction signs**, other than those regulating standing and parking, shall be lighted or

equipped with **retroreflective** materials. **The lighting and the retroreflective materials used in the signs shall not dazzle road users. On the same section of road or when there are several different signs, signs lighted or equipped with retroreflective materials shall not be used if the other signs are not so lighted or equipped. The background of danger warning signs or special regulation signs may use fluorescent materials.** Dark or light graphic elements of different colours in the signs may be differentiated by means of contrasting light or dark narrow strips respectively.

2. Text unchanged

European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals, annex, paragraph 6

6. Ad article 7 of the Convention

Abrogated.
