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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**

Driving permits

Transmitted by the small group

1. At its thirty-fourth session, the Working Party discussed the proposal made by the Russian Federation to amend the model of the international driving permit (IDP) contained in Annex 7 to the Convention on Road Traffic and agreed that this issue should be considered by a small group on licences (Bulgaria, France, Israel, Luxembourg, Russian Federation, Spain and IMMA under the chairmanship of the Russian Federation).
2. The Working Party also requested the small group to make proposals on the action to be taken to implement the decision to phase out the IDP, including definition of transition periods and consultation of Contracting Parties to the relevant Conventions, and proposals regarding the elaboration of a new legal instrument on the mutual recognition of domestic driving permits (DDPs).
3. The draft proposal of the small group on licences and the questionnaire on the recognition and use of international and domestic driving permits is attached.

Draft programme of the small group on licences

1. Elaboration of a draft programme for the small group on licences and a draft questionnaire on the recognition and use of international driving permits (IDPs) and domestic driving permits (DDPs).

Proposed deadline: June 2000

2. Consideration of the draft programme and questionnaire at the Working Party's thirty-fifth session.

Proposed deadline: October 2000

3. Study of the international legal and regulatory framework on the content and use of IDPs and DDPs:

- Study of international laws and regulations on the content and use of IDPs;

Proposed deadline: March 2001

- Study of international laws and regulations on the content and use of DDPs;

Proposed deadline: March 2001

- Study of the national legal and regulatory framework on the content and use of IDPs and DDPs (collation of country responses to the questionnaire on the recognition and use of IDPs and DDPs).

Proposed deadline: May 2001

4. Elaboration of a uniform draft model DDP for the Contracting Parties.

Proposed deadline: December 2001

5. Preparation of proposals connected with the decision to phase out the IDP and migrate to a uniform DDP.

Proposed deadline: July 2002

Questionnaire on the recognition and use of IDPs and DDPs

1. Does your country issue an international driving permit (IDP)?

Yes/No.

If No, go to question 4.

2. What is the maximum validity of the IDP? _____ years.

3. What method is used to check the validity of the domestic driving permit (DDP) serving as a basis for the issuance of an IDP?

4. In the table below, indicate for how long (in months) an IDP or DDP holder may operate a vehicle in international and non-international traffic in the territory of your country.

	Category of permit	For how long may a permit holder who is not a national of your State	
		operate a vehicle in international traffic in your country's territory.	operate a vehicle in non-international traffic (e.g. rented vehicle).
1.	IDP conforming to requirements of annex 7 to the Convention on Road Traffic		
2.	DDP conforming to requirements of annex 6 to the Convention on Road Traffic		
3.	DDP in your national language or accompanied by certified translation		
4.	DDP not in conformity with article 41, paragraph 2, of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic*		

* If these permits are not recognized in your country's territory, please state "not recognized".

5. Does your country use subcategories (within the principal categories) stipulated in article 41, paragraph 4 of the Convention on Road Traffic (A3, D1, etc.)?
Yes/No.

6. If Yes, please specify.

7. How is the category of vehicle which the driver is authorized to operate determined if the DDP uses a system of classification different from the one envisaged under the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic?

8. Do you believe that ECE countries should elaborate and introduce a uniform model DDP and phase out the IDP?

Yes/No.

9. If Yes, should the new uniform model be based on the DDP used by the European Union (as per directives 96/47/EC of 23 July 1996 and 91/439/EEC of 29 July 1991)?

Yes/No.

10. Is there a need to include in the model DDP any elements other than those indicated in annex 6 to the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic?

Yes/No.

11. If Yes, please specify.

12. Does your country withdraw an IDP held by a national of your country if this individual is deprived of his/her DDP?

Yes/No.

13. If No, how is withdrawal of a DDP reflected in an IDP issued in your country?

14. Is it necessary to amend the model IDP shown in annex 7 of the 1968 Convention on Road Traffic to state that the IDP shall be valid only on presentation of an appropriate DDP?

Yes/No.
