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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**

Transmitted by the Russian Federation

Based on discussion of proposed amendments to the Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals and the European Agreements supplementing them, the Legal Experts Group in Luxembourg (18-19 June 2001) prepared document TRANS/WP/2001/23 to be considered at the 37th session of WP.1. Below is the position of the Russian Federation on these issues.

Priority at roundabouts

1. Taking into account that in accordance with Art. 1 paragraph (h) a roundabout is only one of a number of possible intersections it is proposed to delete the amendment to Art. 18 subparagraph 4 (a) of the Convention on Road Traffic. The wording of this sub-paragraph should be as follows:

"In States where traffic keeps to the right the driver of a vehicle shall give way, at intersections other than those specified in paragraph 2 of this Article and in Article 25, paragraphs 2 and 4 of this Convention, to vehicles approaching from his right if another priority is not prescribed by road signs, markings, light signals or by an authorized person.

2. Amend Annex 1, Section D, paragraph 3 of the Convention on Road Signs and Signals to read:

"3. Compulsory roundabout. Sign D,3 "Compulsory roundabout shall notify drivers that at roundabouts they must follow the direction indicated by the arrows. If the roundabout is indicated by the sign D,3 together with the sign B,1 or B,2 the driver in such a roundabout has priority" (item 1 (b) of the document).

3. To delete Art. 21, paragraph 3 of the Annex to the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (item 3 of the document).

Behaviour at pedestrian crossings

1. Taking into account that at their meeting the Legal Experts failed to come to a compromise decision concerning the texts of Art. 21 of the Convention on Road Traffic and of the relevant provisions of the European Agreement supplementing it (item 17 of the Annex) it is advisable to propose the establishment of a special small group for an in-depth analysis of this problem (item 12 of the document).

2. The reason for this proposal is as follows: in regard to situations in which drivers must give way to pedestrians, different wordings are used in different paragraphs of Art. 21 of the Convention and in item 17 of the Annex to the European Agreement (in the Russian text).

3. For instance, in Art. 21 paragraph 2 (a) and paragraph 3 of the Convention two different terms are used concerning pedestrians. They are "óæå ãñðóíèâøèð" and "ãñðóíèâøèð èèè ãñðóíàðùèð". At the same time in Art 21, paragraph 2 (b) of the Convention and in item 17 of the Annex to the European Agreement only pedestrians that "óæå ãñðóíèèèè" on a crossing are referred to. In this connection it would seem more logical to introduce other amendments to the text of Art. 21 of the Convention on Road Traffic:

to change the words "ãñðóíèâøèð èèè ãñðóíàðùèð" to the word "ãñðóíèâøèð" in paragraphs 2 a) and 2 b);

to change the words "ãñðóíèèèè èèè ãñðóíàðùèð" to the word "ãñðóíèèèè" in paragraph 3 (items 8-11 of the document).

". Thus the following

paragraphs should be amended:

- the second sentence of Art.37 para 1 (this has been done already in the proposed version);
- the first sentence of Art.37 para 2;
- the fourth sentence of Annex 2 para 1;
- the second sentence of Annex 3 para 1;
- para 2;
- para 2.5;
- para 3;
- para 3.1 (this has been done already in the proposed version);
- para 3.3;
- para 3.4;
- para 3.5.

Blue markings – blue bands

1. It would be advisable to amend Art. 29, para 2 of the Convention on Road Signs and Signals to read:

"If the road markings are painted they shall be yellow or white. However blue may be used for markings showing places where parking is subjected to some conditions or restrictions (limit of duration, payment, category of user etc.) (items 16-18 of the document).

2. To delete Annex 1, Section C, Chapter II, para 9 (c) (vii) of the Convention given that the amendments proposed above would be made to the Protocol on Road Markings (items 21-23 document).
